



Fermi
Gamma-ray Space Telescope

Indirect Searches for Dark Matter with the Fermi Large Area Telescope

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Fermi-LAT Searches for Dark Matter

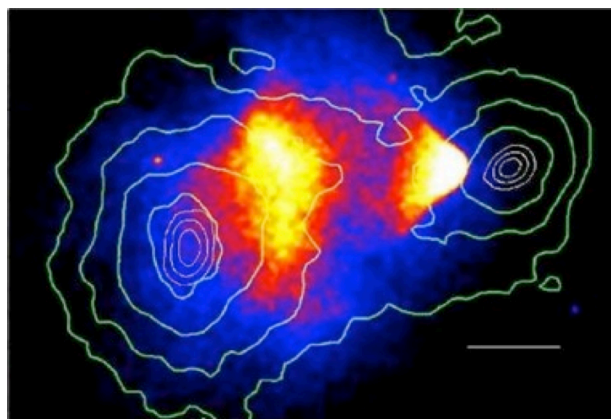
- Indirect Searches for Dark Matter
 - Fermi-LAT Search Strategies and Results
 - Status and Summary
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- Lots of Bonus Slides:
 - Gamma-ray Astrophysics and Astronomy
 - Modeling Galactic Diffuse γ -ray Emission
 - Gamma-ray Pulsars
 - J-factors for Dwarf Galaxies
 - Unresolved Sources, Luminosity Functions, $\log N - \log S$

INDIRECT SEARCHES FOR DARK MATTER

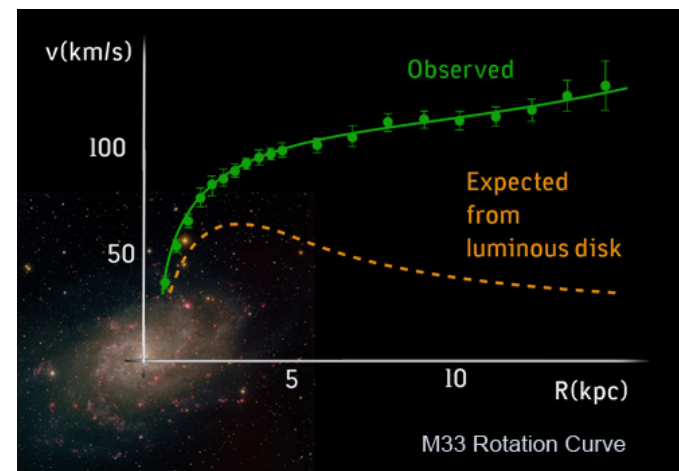
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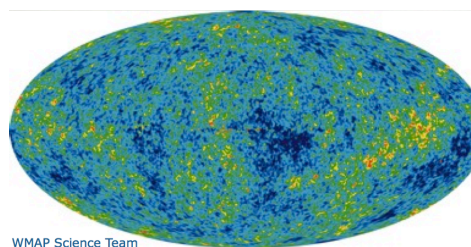
Comprises **majority of mass** in Galaxies
 Missing mass on Galaxy Cluster scale
 Zwicky (1937)



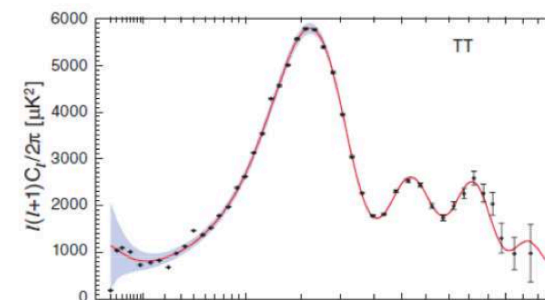
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Large **halos** around Galaxies
 Rotation Curves
 Rubin+(1980)



WMAP Science Team



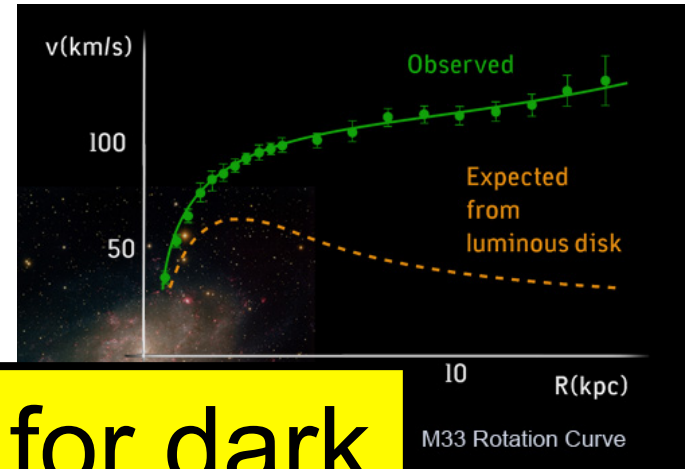
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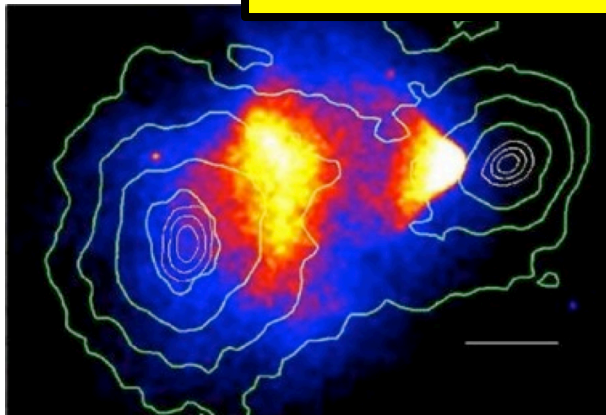


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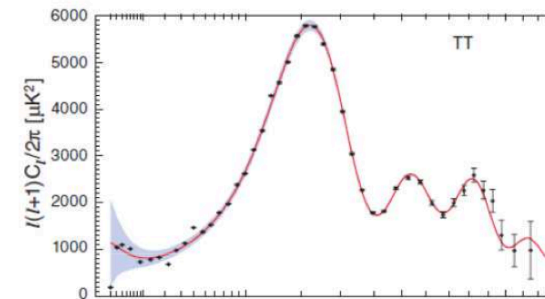
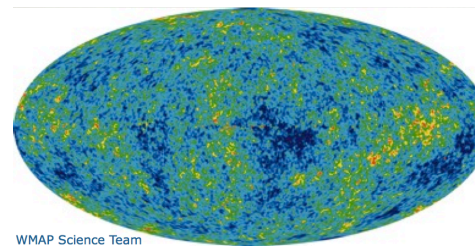
All of the evidence for dark matter is astrophysical!



and Galaxies



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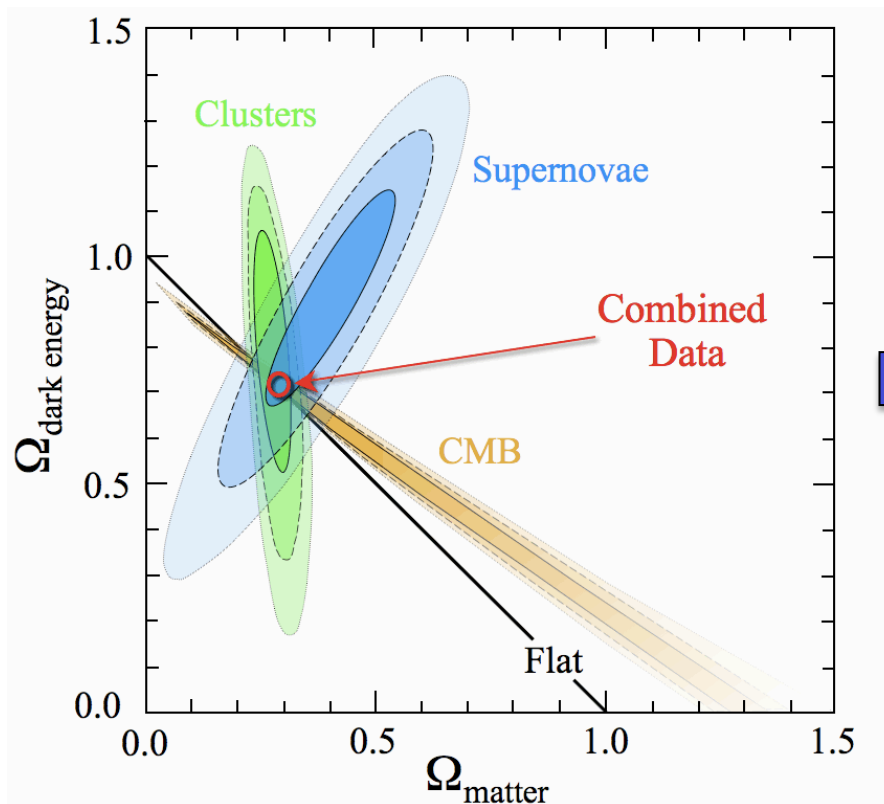


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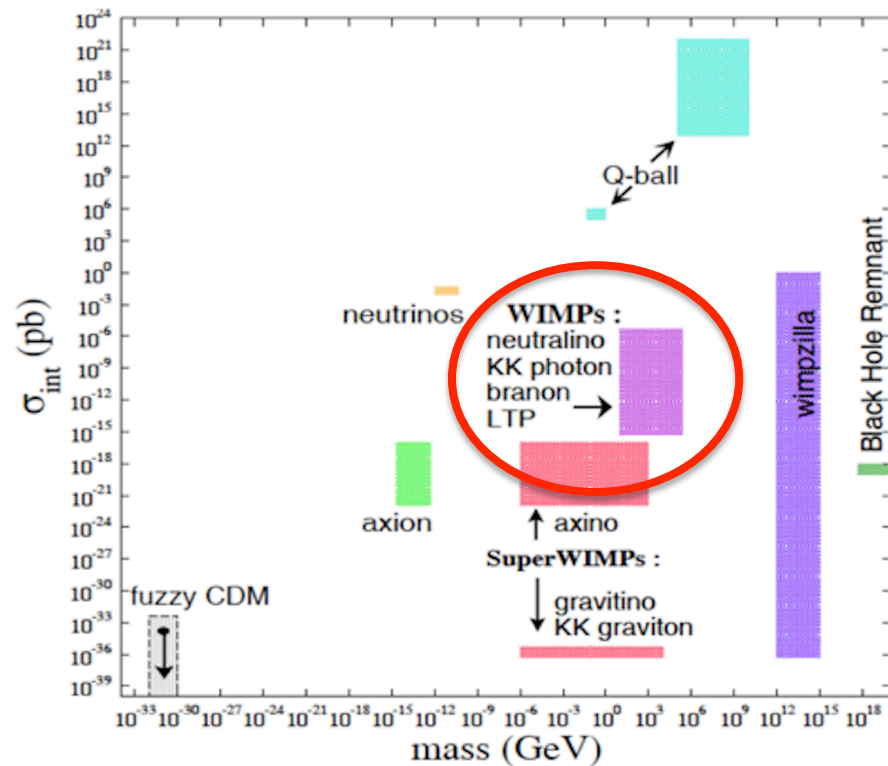
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Cosmological Constraints on Dark Matter

Λ -CDM Concordance Fits

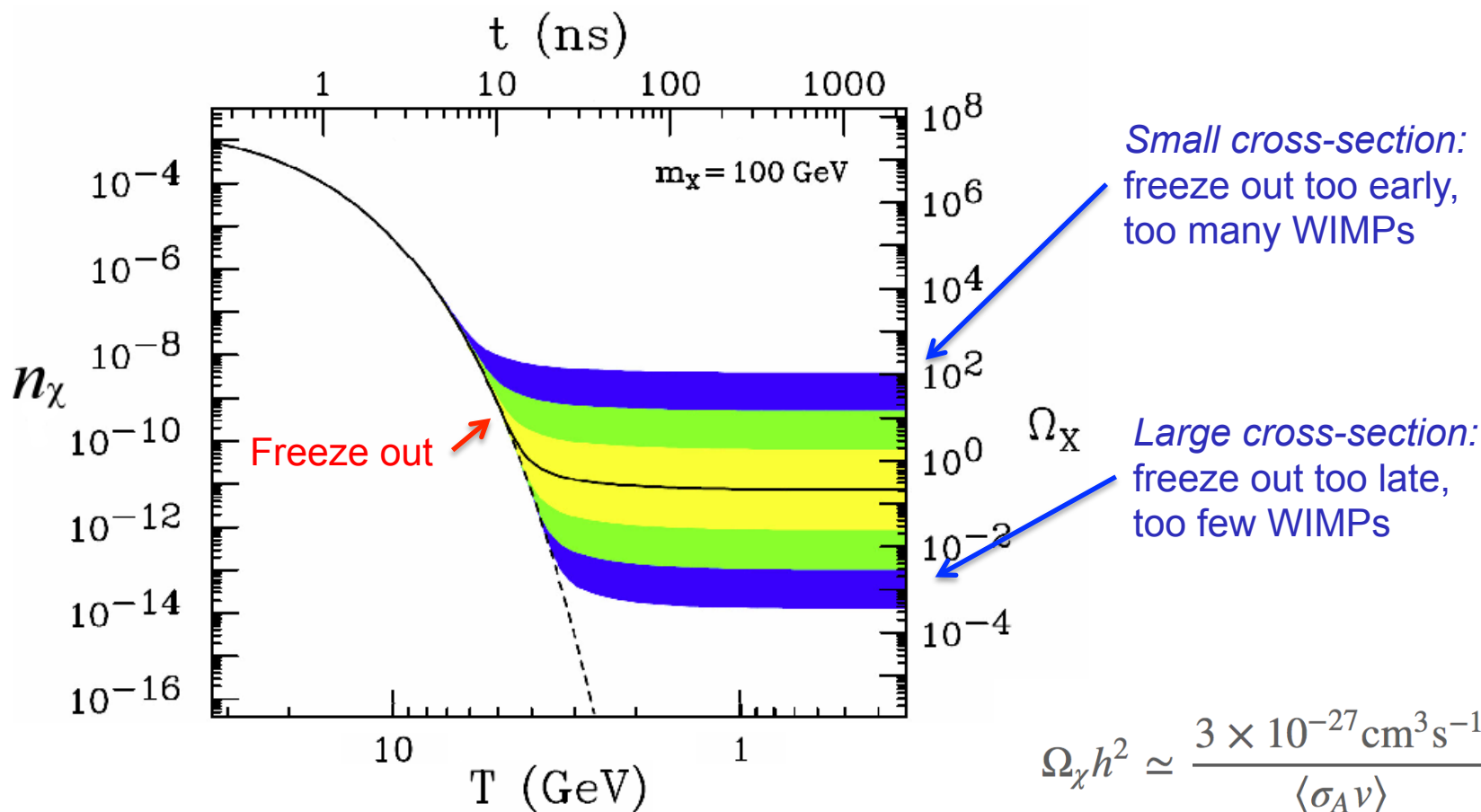


DM Candidates by Mass & Cross Section



- No Standard Model particle matches the known properties of dark matter
- Many candidate particles have been proposed:
 - In this talk I will focus on WIMPs
 - Current instruments are also sensitive to axion-like particles, primordial black holes, gravitinos

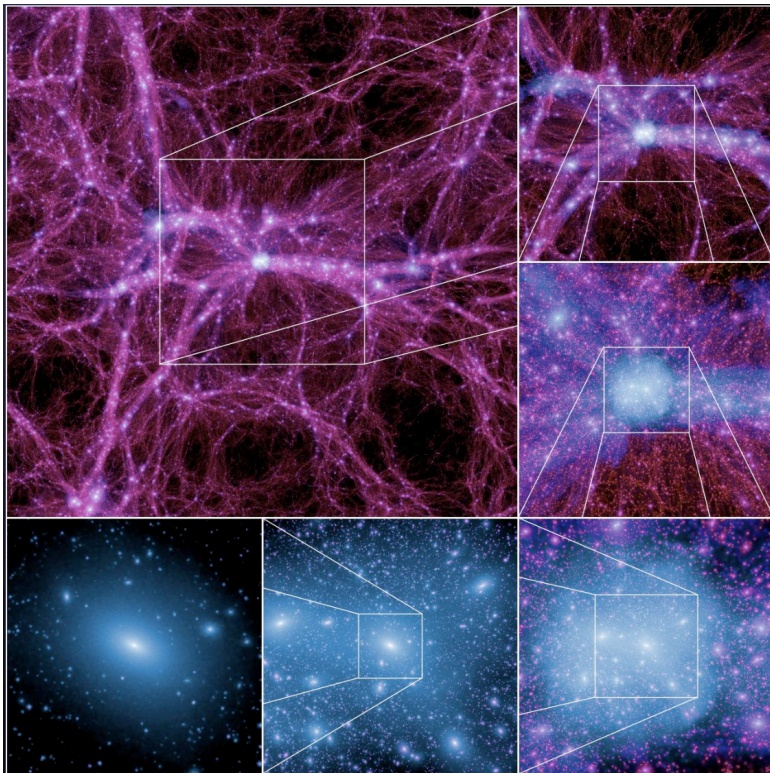
WIMP Dark Matter as a Thermal Relic



- The calculation of the thermal-averaged cross-section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ needed to obtain the relic density is robust and gives $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- At that cross-section limits start to put constraints on model space

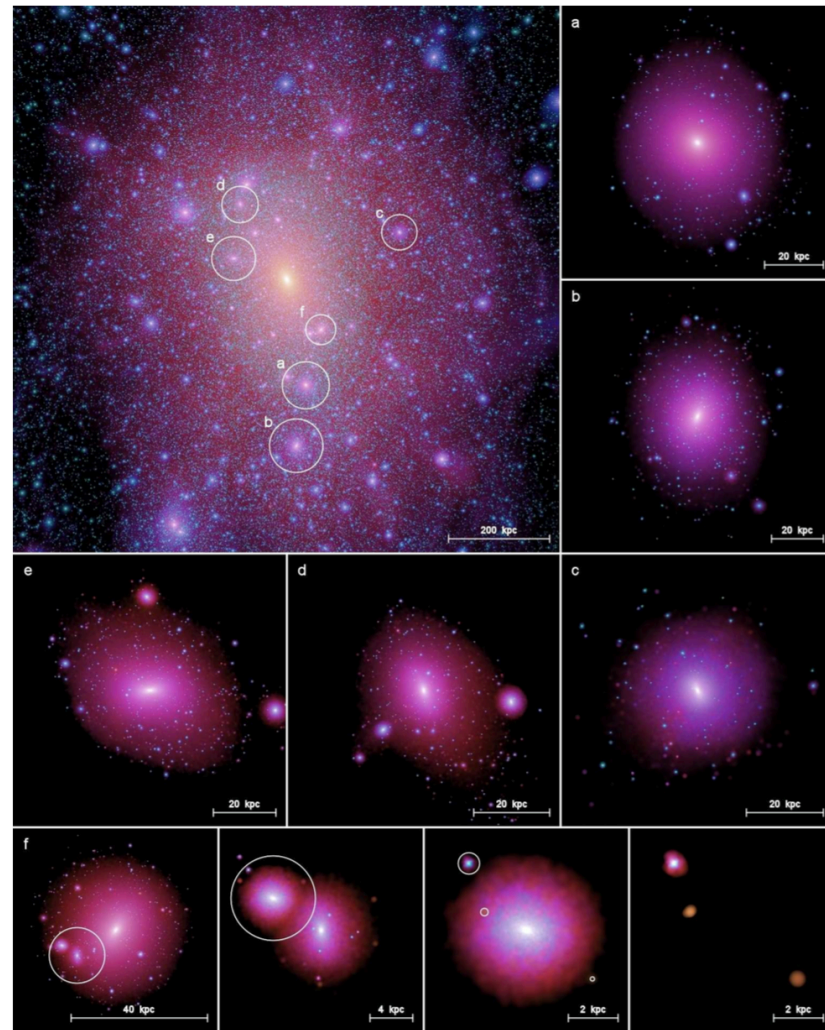
DM Structures are Present on All Scales

Zoom Sequence of DM Structure on 100Mpc Scales



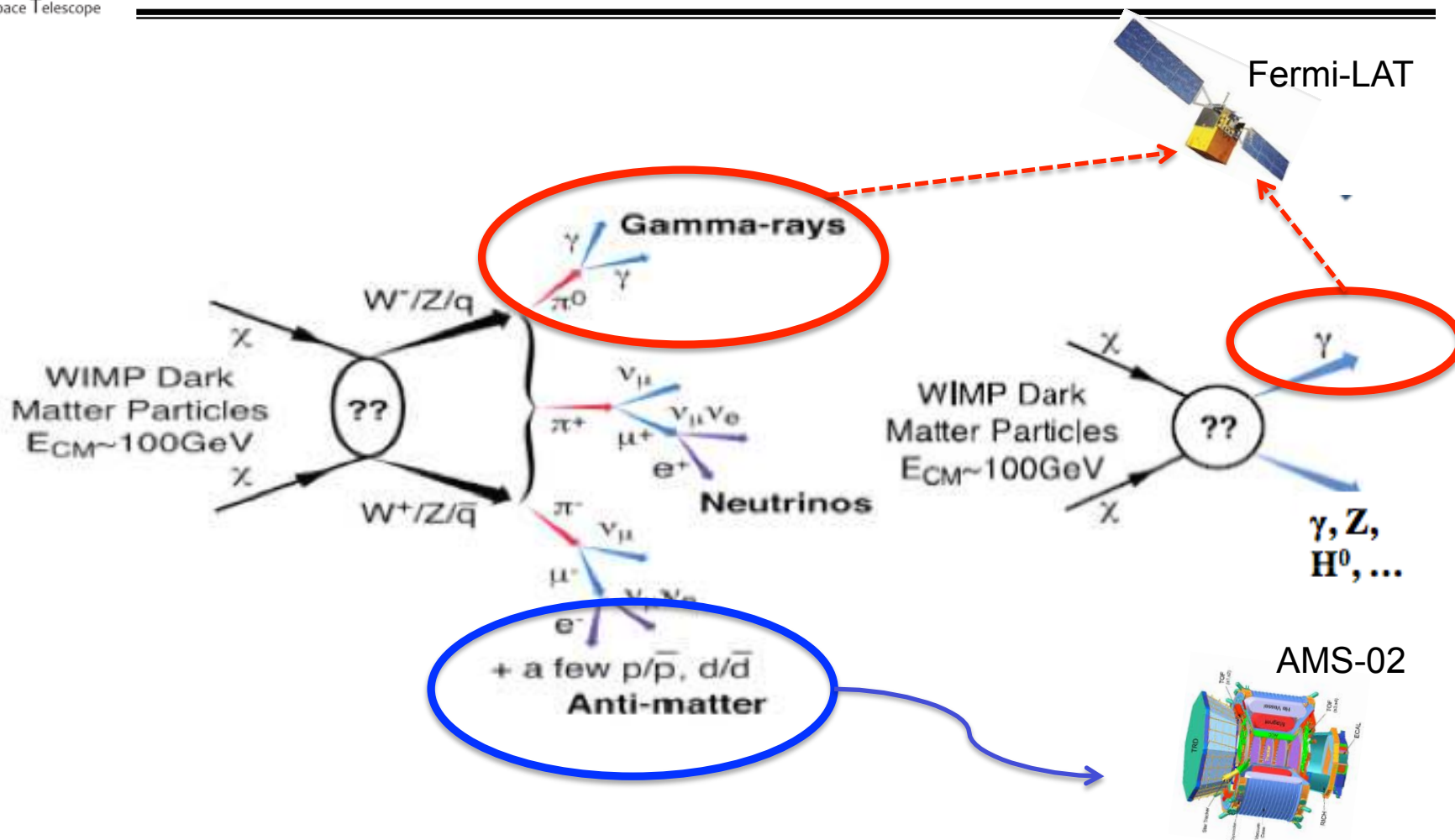
- We can probe DM by looking for signal contributions from halos:
 - On cosmological scales (left)
 - In the Milky Way virial radius (~ 300 kpc = ~ 1 MLY, right)
(Visible size of MW = ~ 20 kpc)

Milky Way-like Halo and Several Sub-Halos



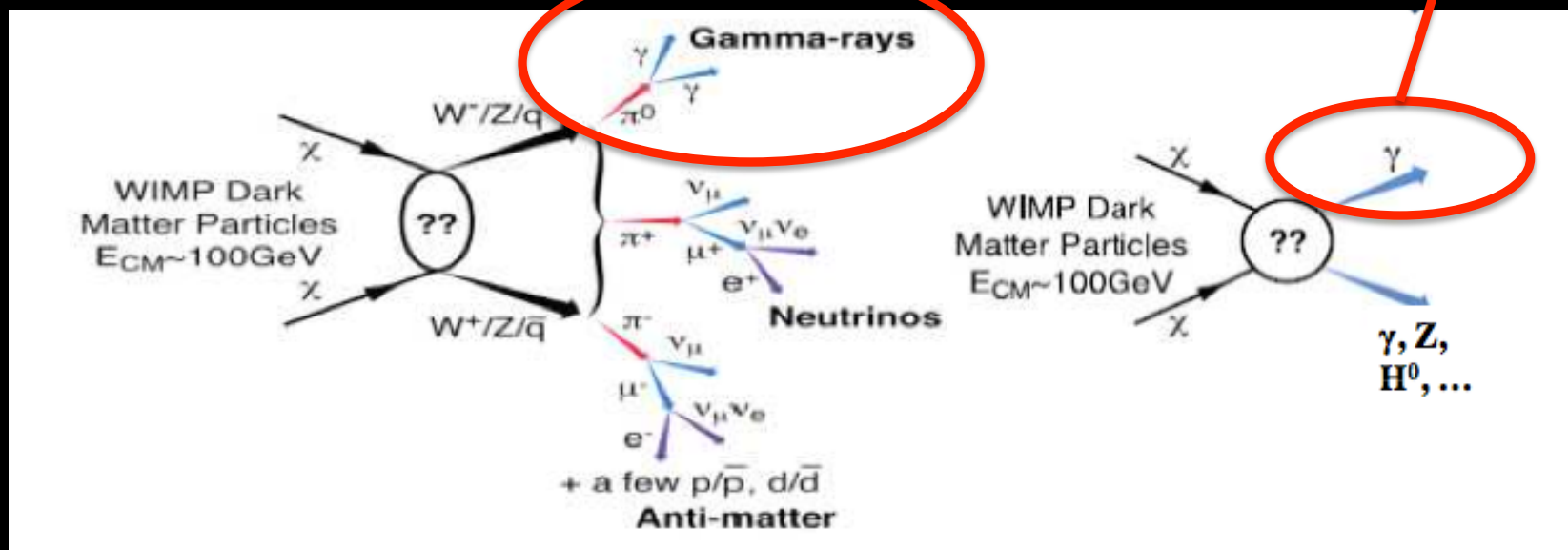
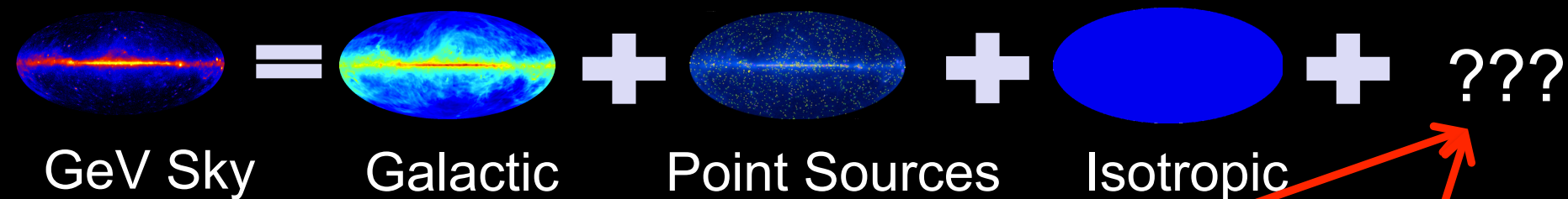
Left: Boylan-Kolchin+ (2009)
Right: Springel+ (2012)

Indirect Detection of WIMPs

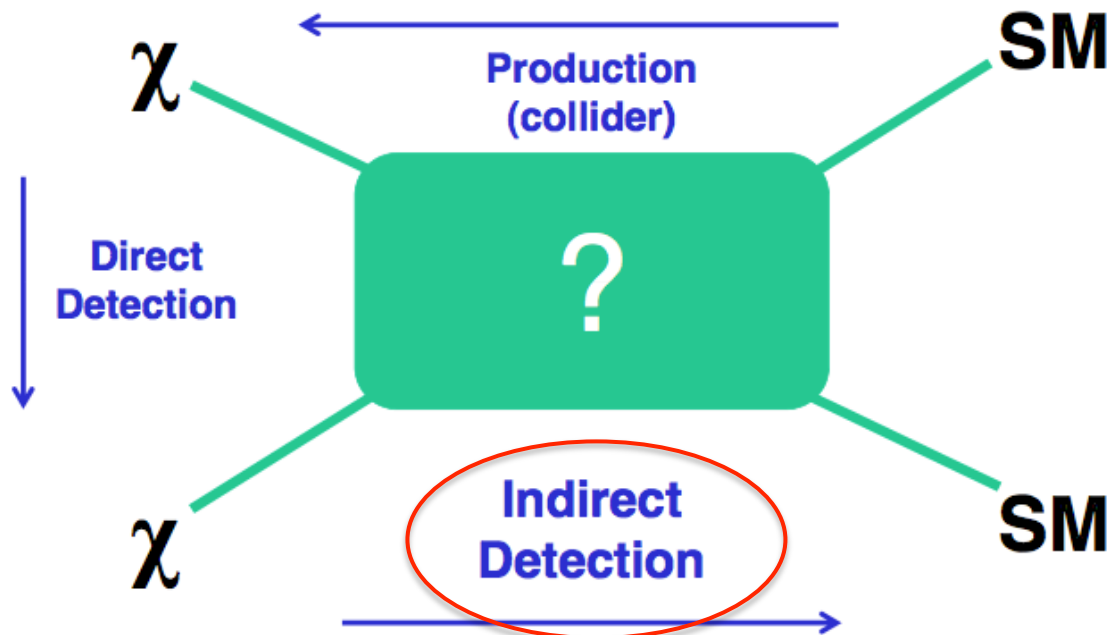


- What we observe are stable final-state annihilation products
- Charged particles ($e^+, e^-, p, \text{anti-}p$) diffuse in Galactic magnetic fields
- Neutral particles ($\gamma; \nu$, observed by IceCube) travel directly to us

Indirect Searches for DM in the GeV Sky



Role of Indirect Detection Dark Matter Searches



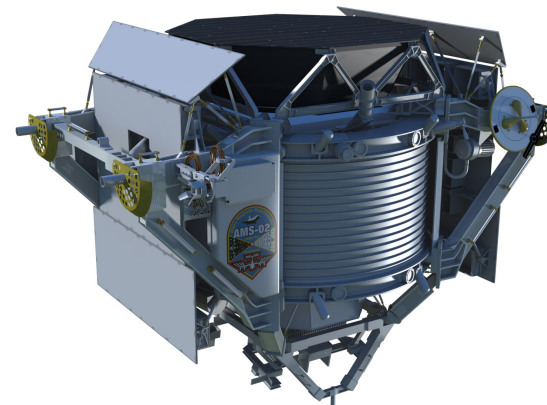
- **Compared to collider searches:** indirect detection is sensitive to high mass scales (particles already exist, stable final state particle spectrum peaks at $\sim 10\%$ of m_χ)
- **Compared to direct detection:** indirect detection is sensitive to annihilation rather than scattering off of nuclei (i.e., more sensitive when χ couples more to heavy quarks and vector bosons than to light quarks and gluons)

FERMI-LAT SEARCH STRATEGIES AND RESULTS

High Energy Astrophysics Instruments



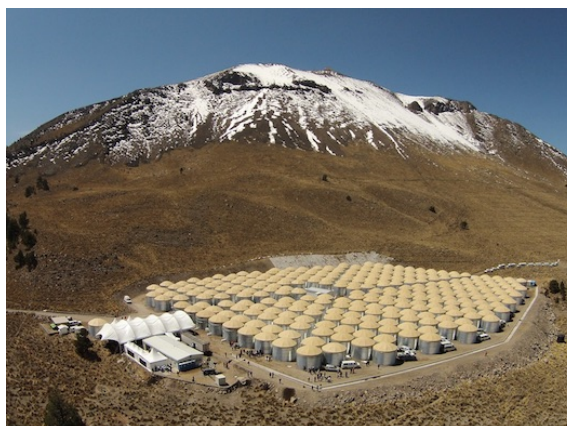
Pair-conversion telescopes:
Fermi, AGILE, DAMPE,
Gamma-400



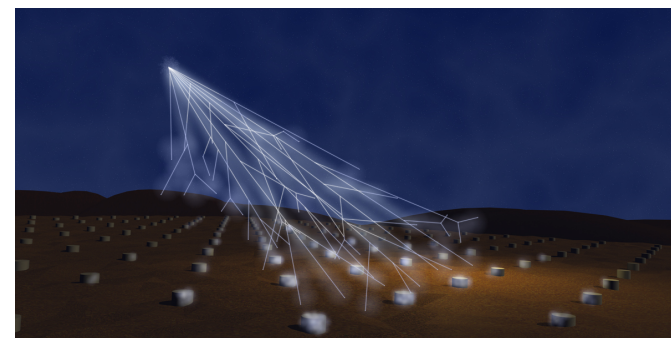
Cosmic-ray detectors:
PAMELA, AMS-02, HERD



**Imaging Atmospheric
Cherenkov Telescopes:**
HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS,
CTA



**Water Cherenkov
Telescopes:**
HAWC, ICE-Cube



Hybrid cosmic-ray detectors:
Auger

The Fermi Large Area Telescope

Public Data Release:

All γ -ray data made public
within 24 hours (usually less)

Si-Strip Tracker:

convert $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
reconstruct γ direction
EM v. hadron separation

Hodoscopic CsI Calorimeter:

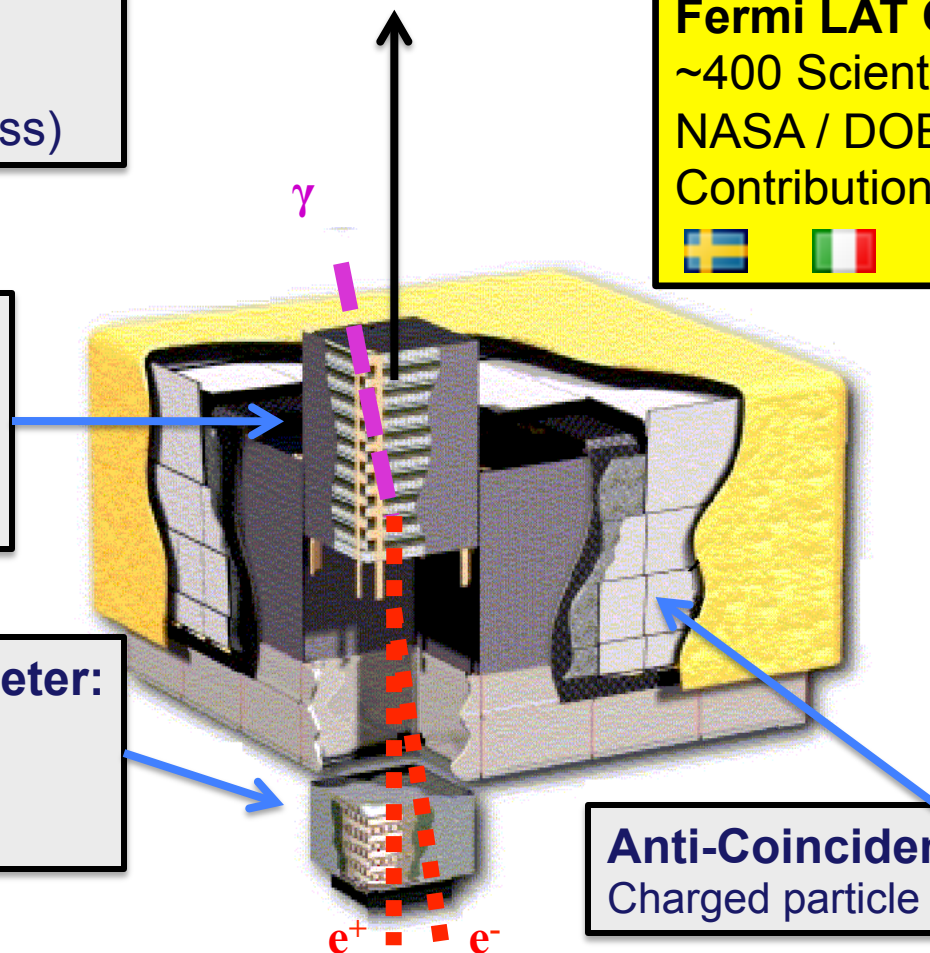
measure γ energy
image EM shower
EM v. hadron separation

Sky Survey:

With 2.5 sr field-of-view LAT
sees whole sky every 3 hours

Fermi LAT Collaboration:

~400 Scientific Members,
NASA / DOE & International
Contributions



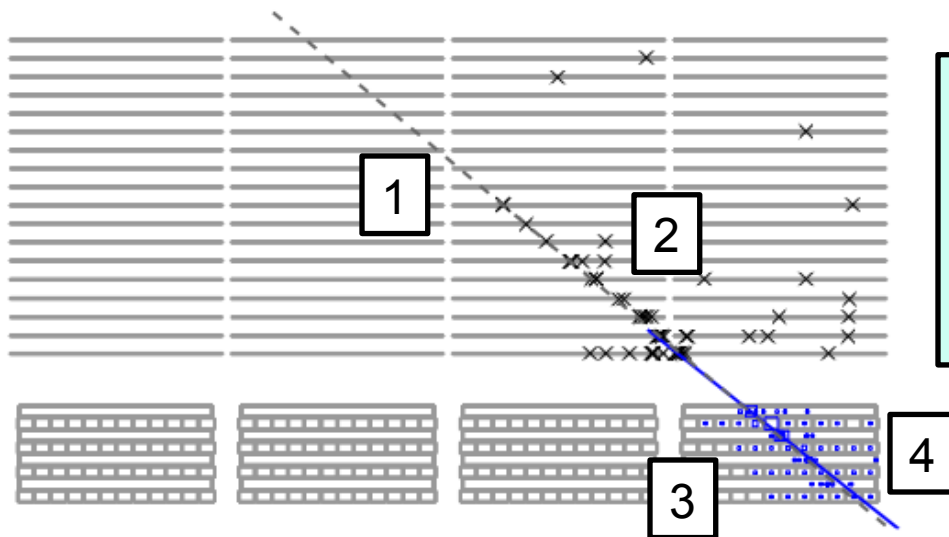
Anti-Coincidence Detector:

Charged particle separation

Trigger and Filter:

Reduce data rate from ~10kHz
to 300-500 Hz

LAT Detects Individual γ rays (and Cosmic Rays)

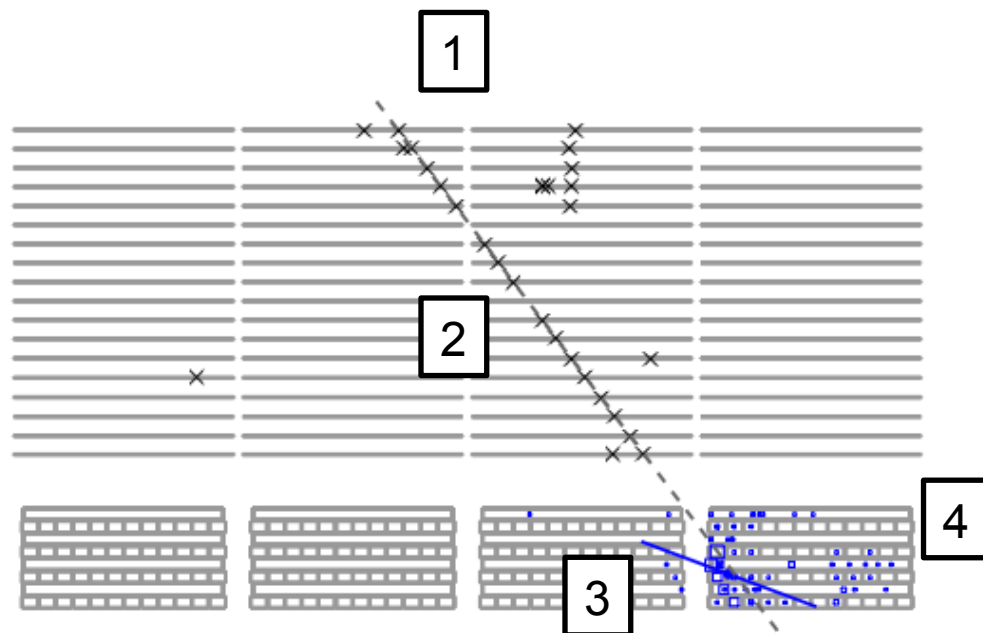


Nearly ideal γ -ray candidate:

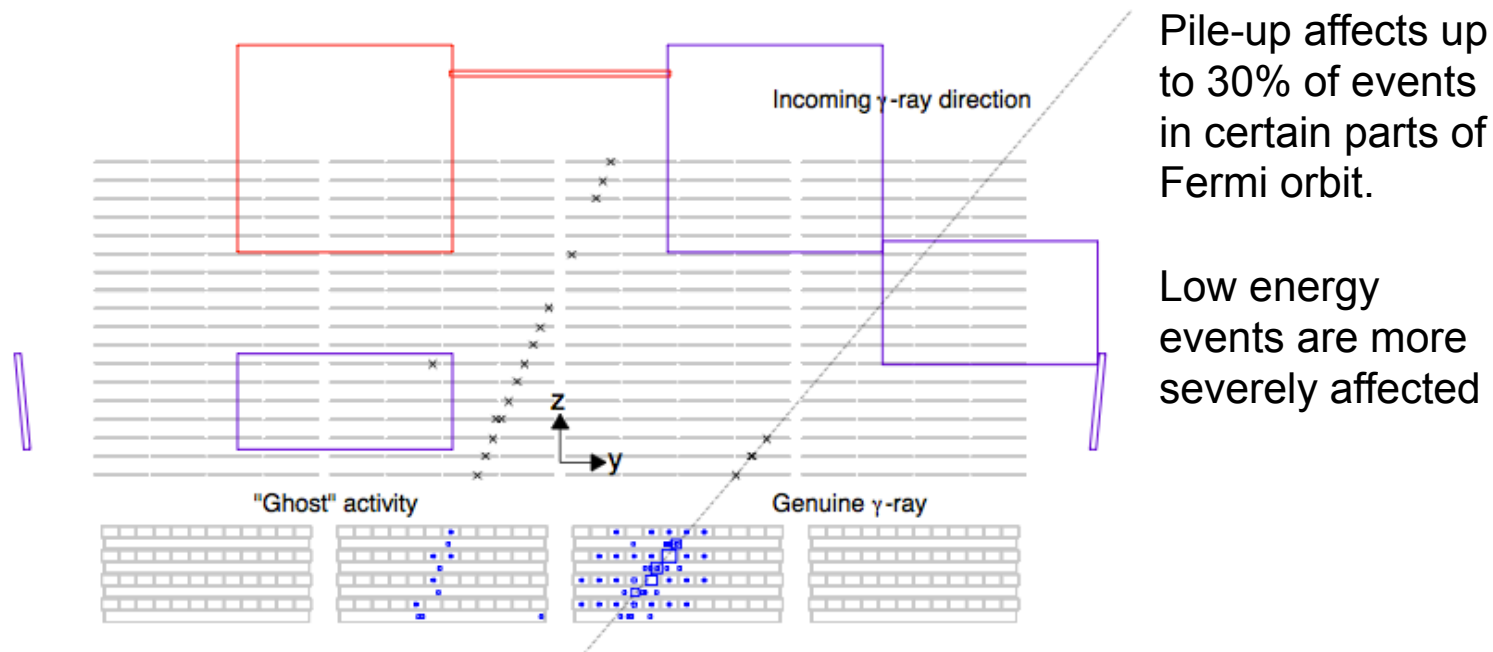
1. Converts in middle of TKR
2. Extra hits near track
3. CAL axis aligned with track
4. CAL energy confined near axis

Nearly ideal proton candidate:

1. Starts at top of TKR
2. Few extra hits near track
3. CAL axis not-aligned with track
4. CAL energy "lumpier"
5. Signal in the ACD (not shown)



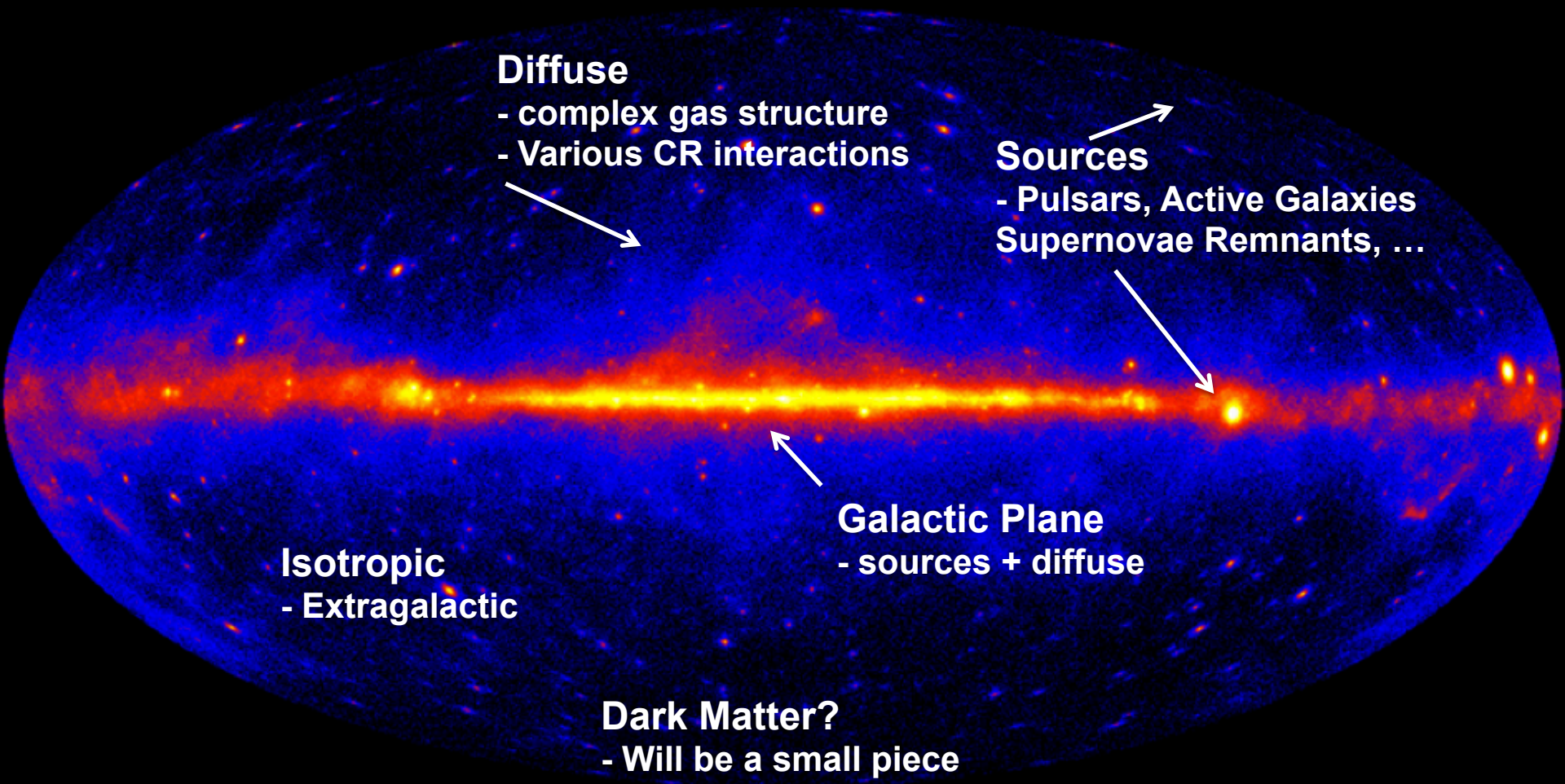
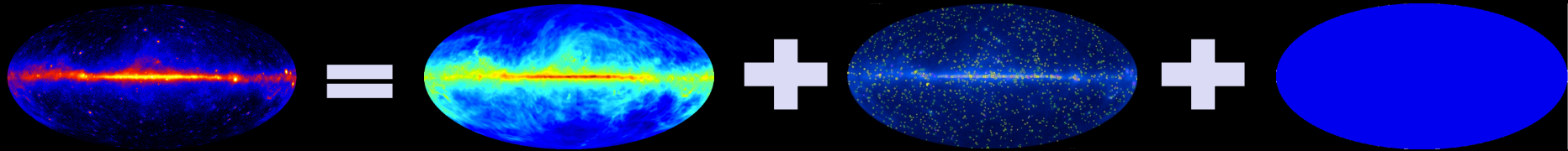
“Pass 8” of the Event Analysis



- The LAT is particle physics detector optimized for γ -ray astronomy
- LAT event-level analysis was largely developed before launch (Aug. 2008)
 - We now have improved knowledge of the instrument and backgrounds
 - E.g., we found that many events are accompanied by pile-up signals...
- Pass 8 uses this knowledge to improve data for science

First Pass 8 Science Results Presented at 5th Fermi Symposium, October 2014

Fermi-LAT Gamma-ray Sky



The Key Formula for WIMP Searches

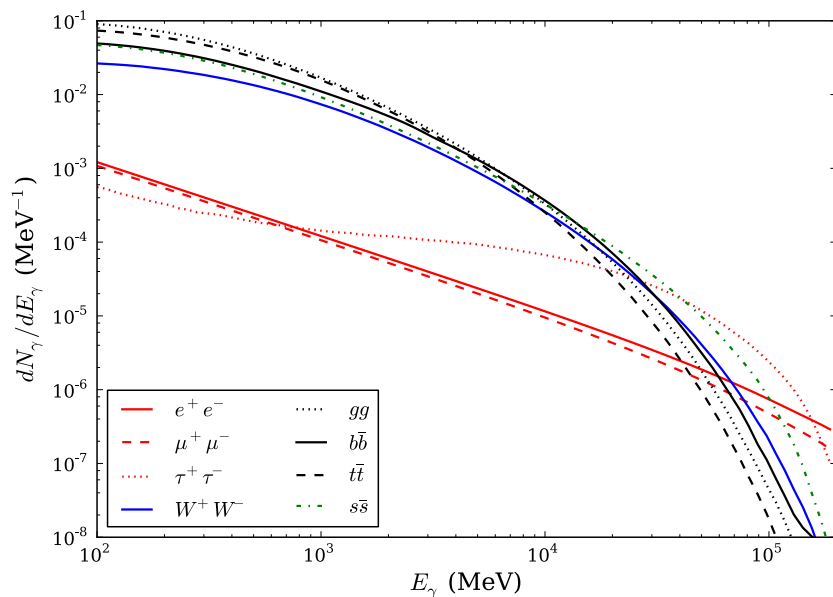
Particle Physics

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}(E_\gamma, \phi, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle}{2m_{WIMP}^2} \sum_f \frac{dN_\gamma^f}{dE_\gamma} B_f$$

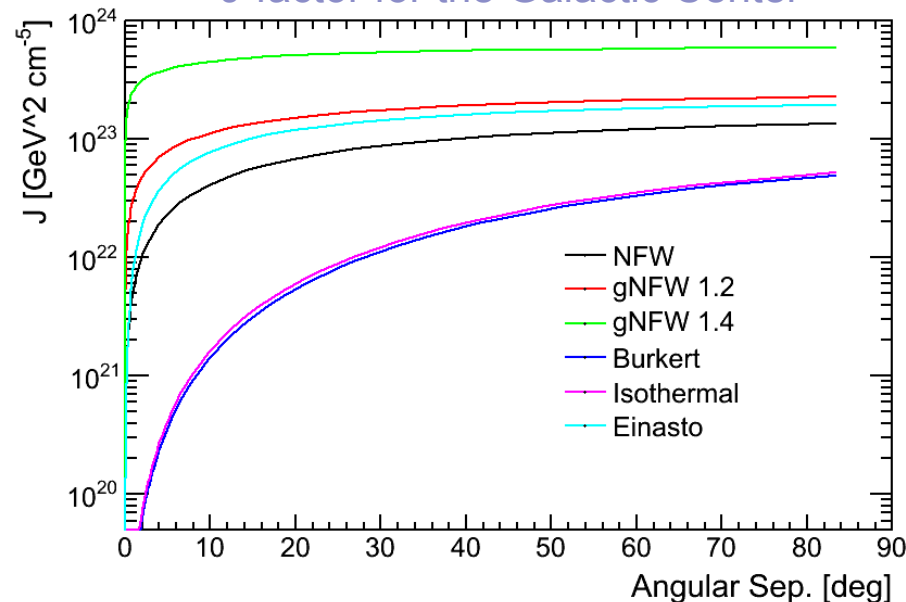
Astrophysics (J-Factor)

$$\int_{\Delta\Omega(\phi, \theta)} d\Omega' \int_{los} \rho^2(r(l, \phi')) dl(r, \phi')$$

dN/dE for 200 GeV DM



J-factor for the Galactic Center



- *Note:* J-factor includes distance, i.e., J-factor would decrease by four if a point-like source were twice as far away
- *Note:* the key factor of $1/m_\chi^2$ is b/c we express the J-factor as a function of mass density (which we can measure), not number density

Dark Matter Search Strategies

Satellites

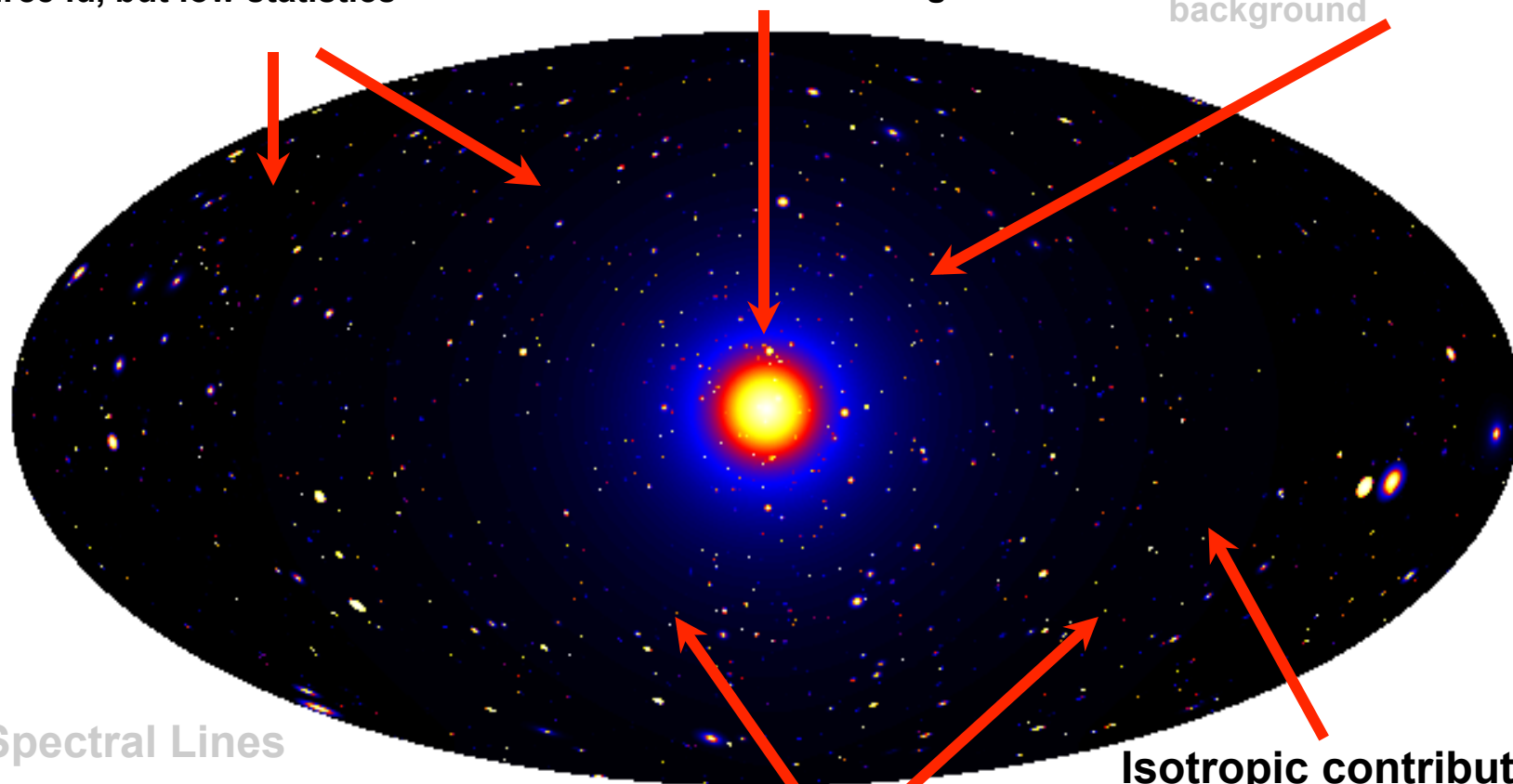
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source id, but low statistics

Galactic Center

Good statistics, but source
confusion/diffuse background

Milky Way Halo

Large statistics, but diffuse
background



Spectral Lines

Little or no astrophysical uncertainties, good
source id, but low sensitivity because of
expected small branching ratio

Isotropic contributions

Large statistics, but astrophysics,
galactic diffuse background

Galaxy Clusters

Low background, but low statistics

Dark Matter simulation:
Pieri+(2009) arXiv:0908.0195

Search Strategies (against the γ -ray Sky)

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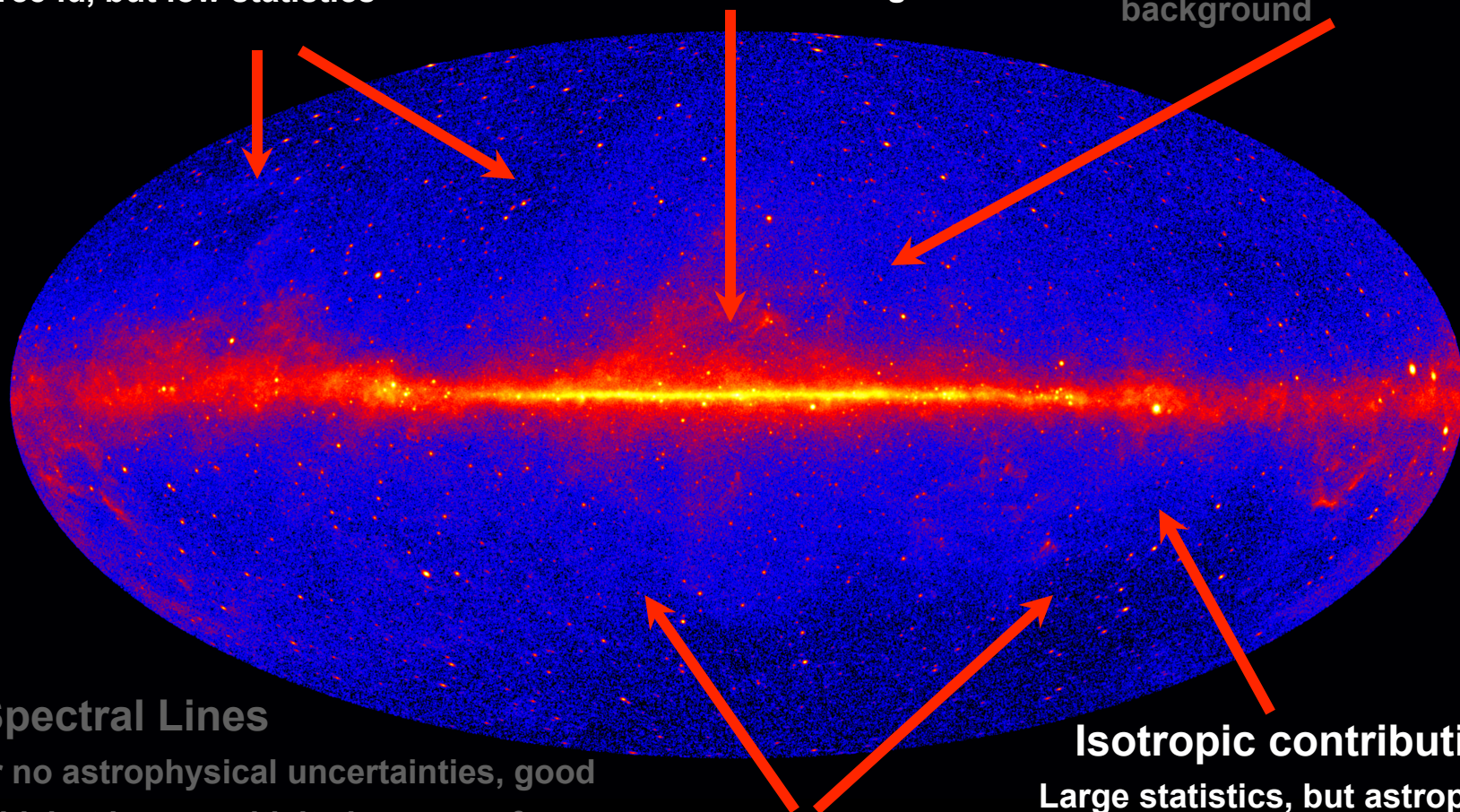
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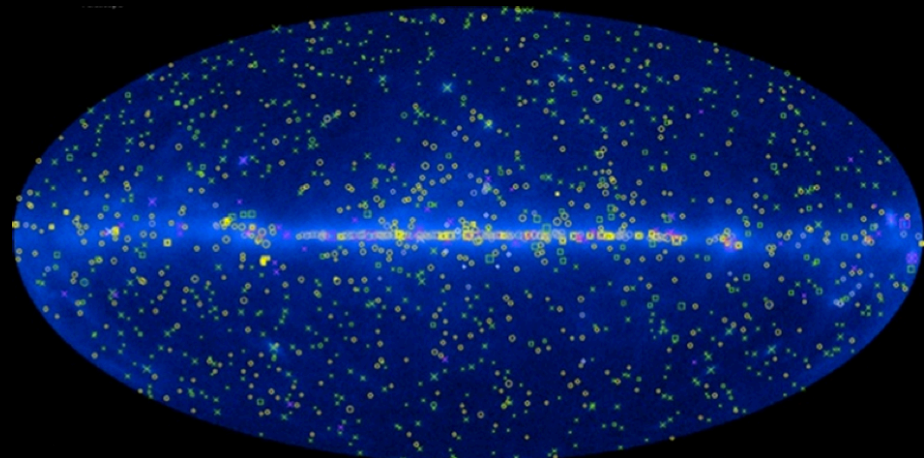
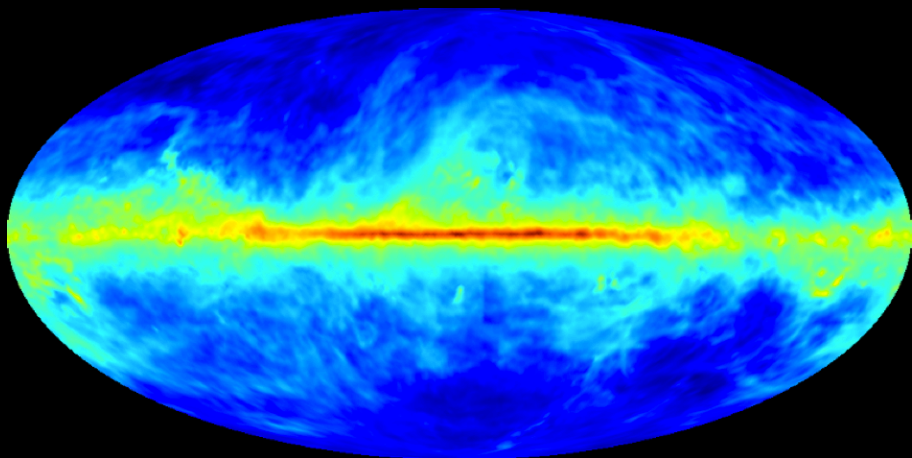
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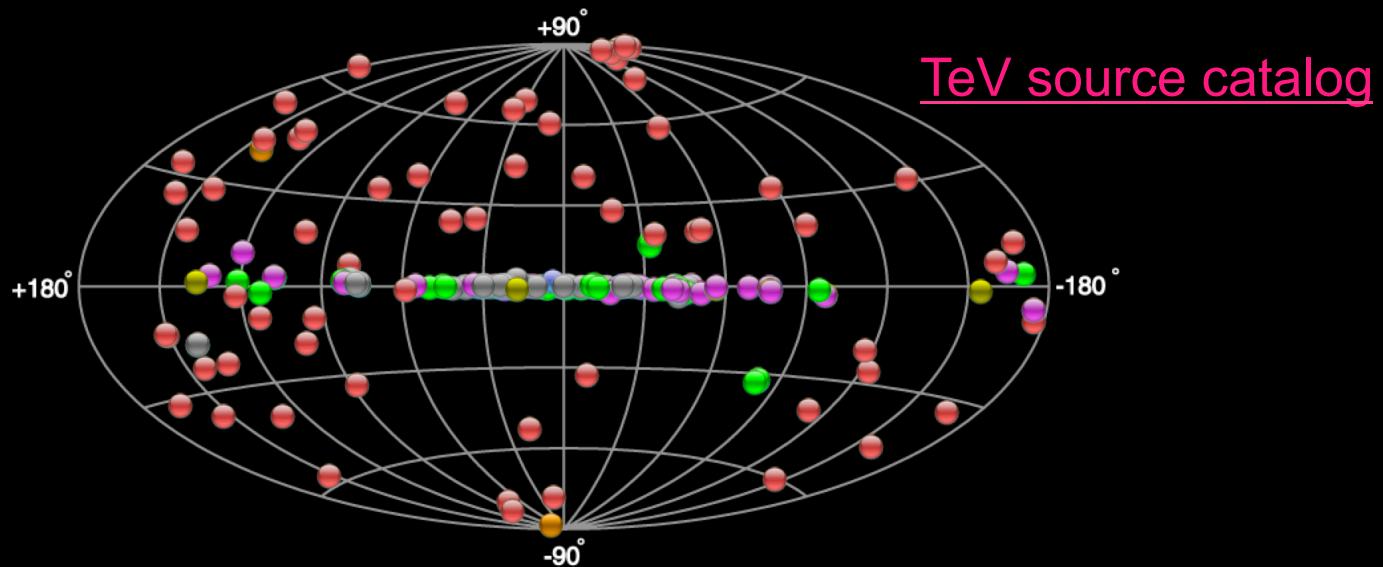
LAT 7 Years Sky > 1 GeV

Astrophysical Backgrounds (GeV)



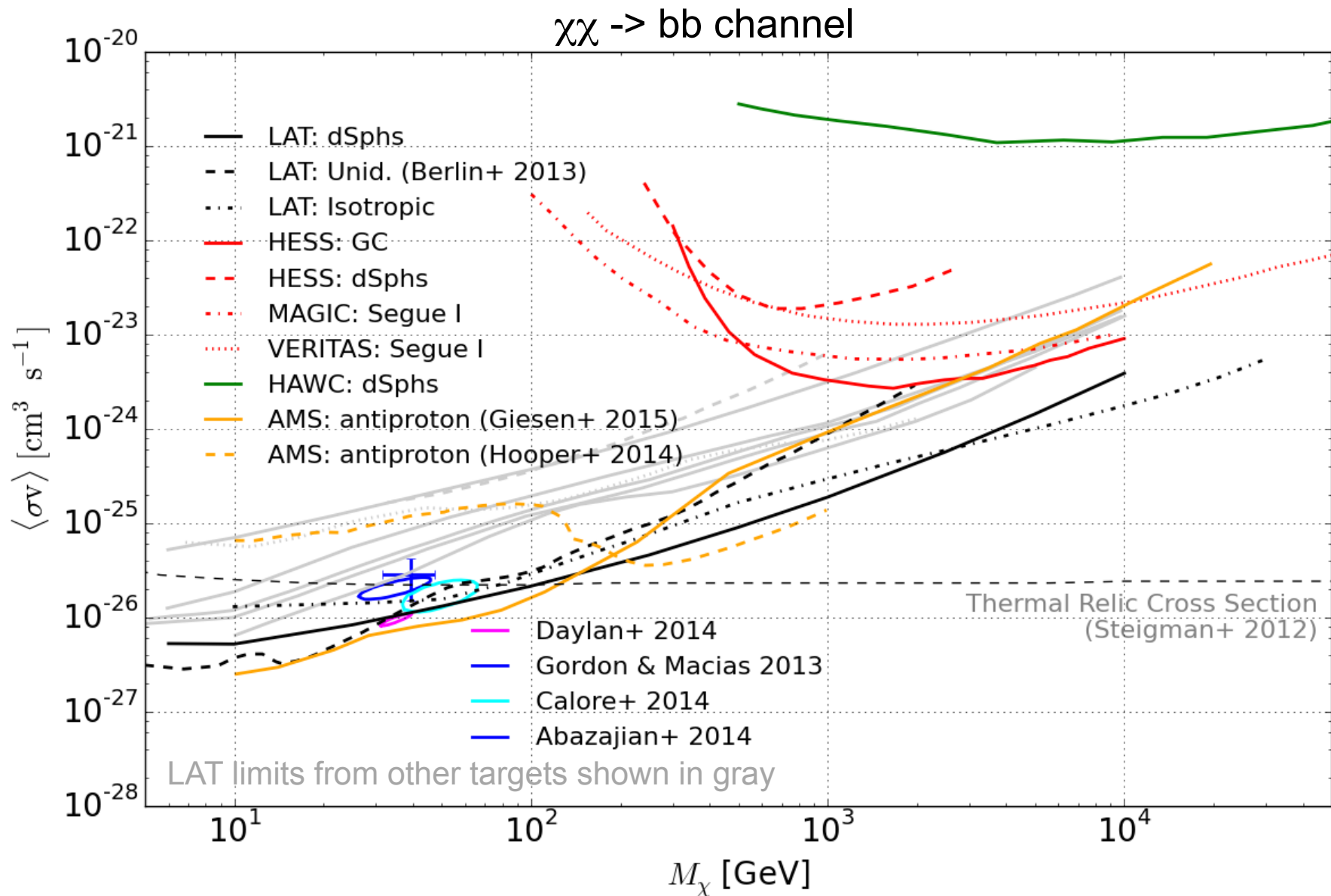
- Diffuse Backgrounds:
 - Cosmic-ray interactions with dust, gas and radiation fields
- Source Backgrounds:
 - **Pulsars**
 - Blazars and Active Galactic Nuclei
 - Supernova Remnants
 - Galaxies (starburst galaxies)
- Unresolved Sources

Astrophysical Backgrounds (TeV)

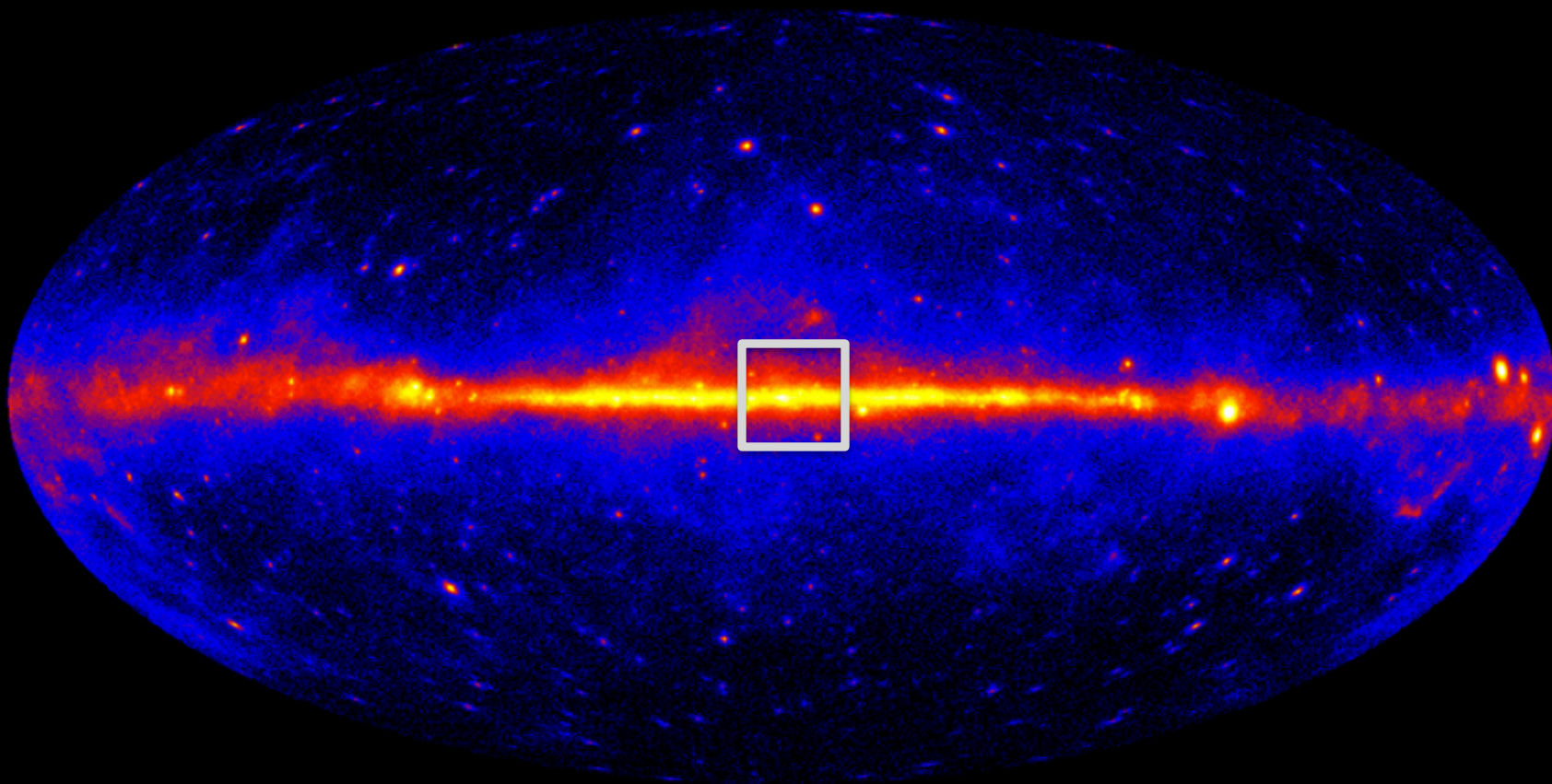


- Diffuse Backgrounds:
 - Cosmic-ray interactions with dust, gas and radiation fields
 - Diffuse spectra softer than typical source spectra
- Source Backgrounds:
 - Pulsars
 - Blazars and Active Galactic Nuclei ($z < \sim 0.5$)
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A Sample of Published Results from Indirect DM Searches

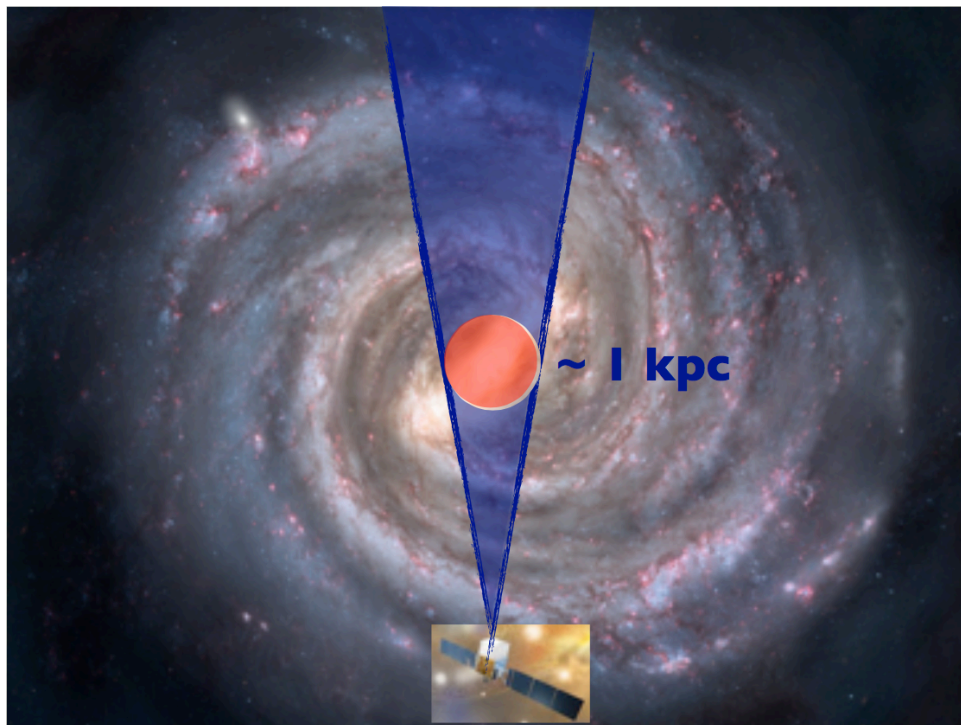


Search for DM in the Inner Galaxy

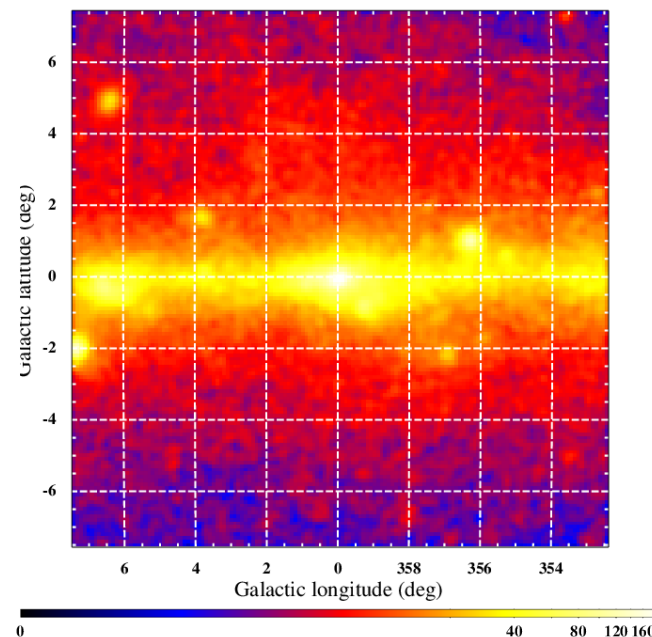


- The goal is to look for DM in the inner Galaxy
- Because of the large astrophysical foregrounds, we must first understand the γ -ray emission from the Galaxy and from known source classes

Observing the Galactic Center

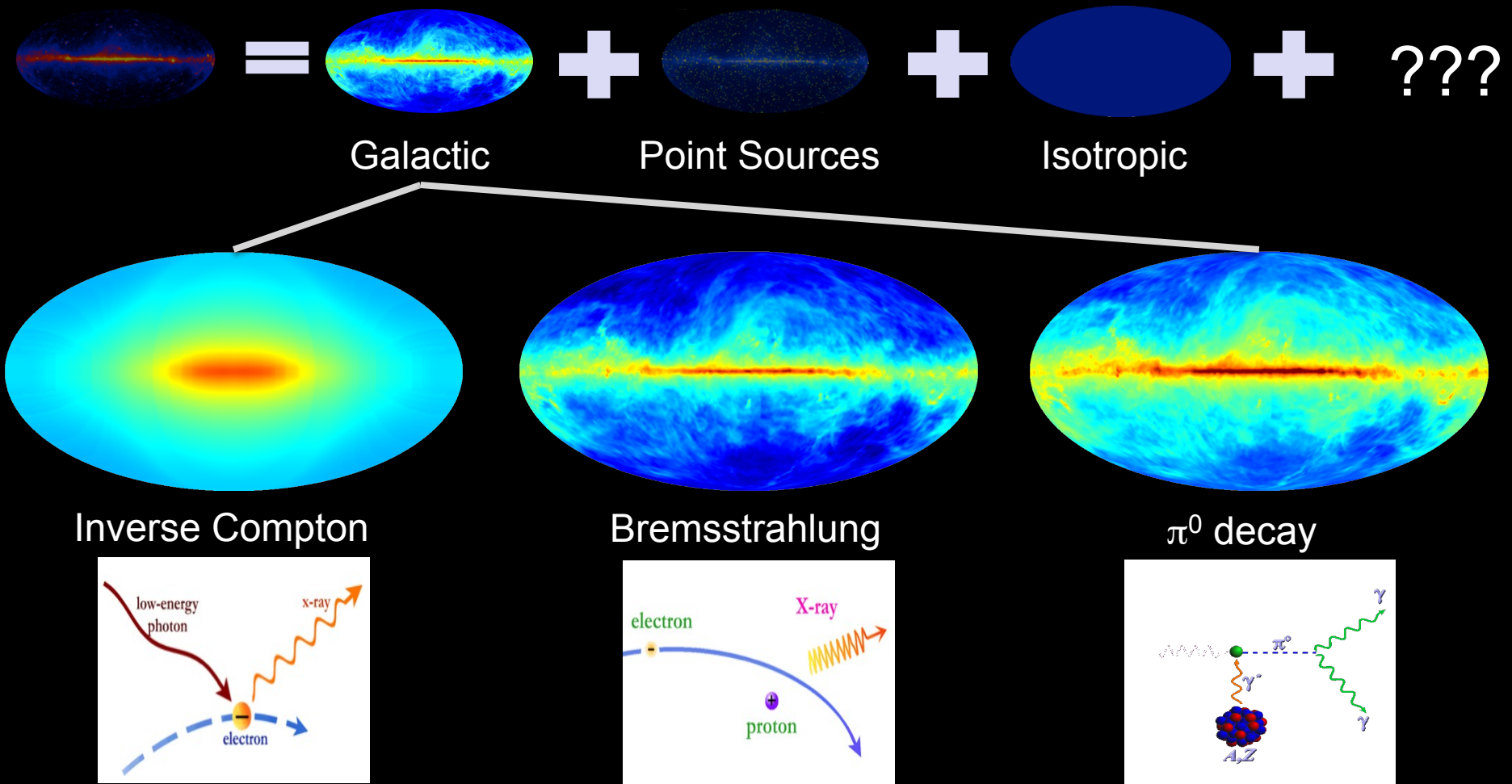


LAT Counts: 4 years, 1-100 GeV

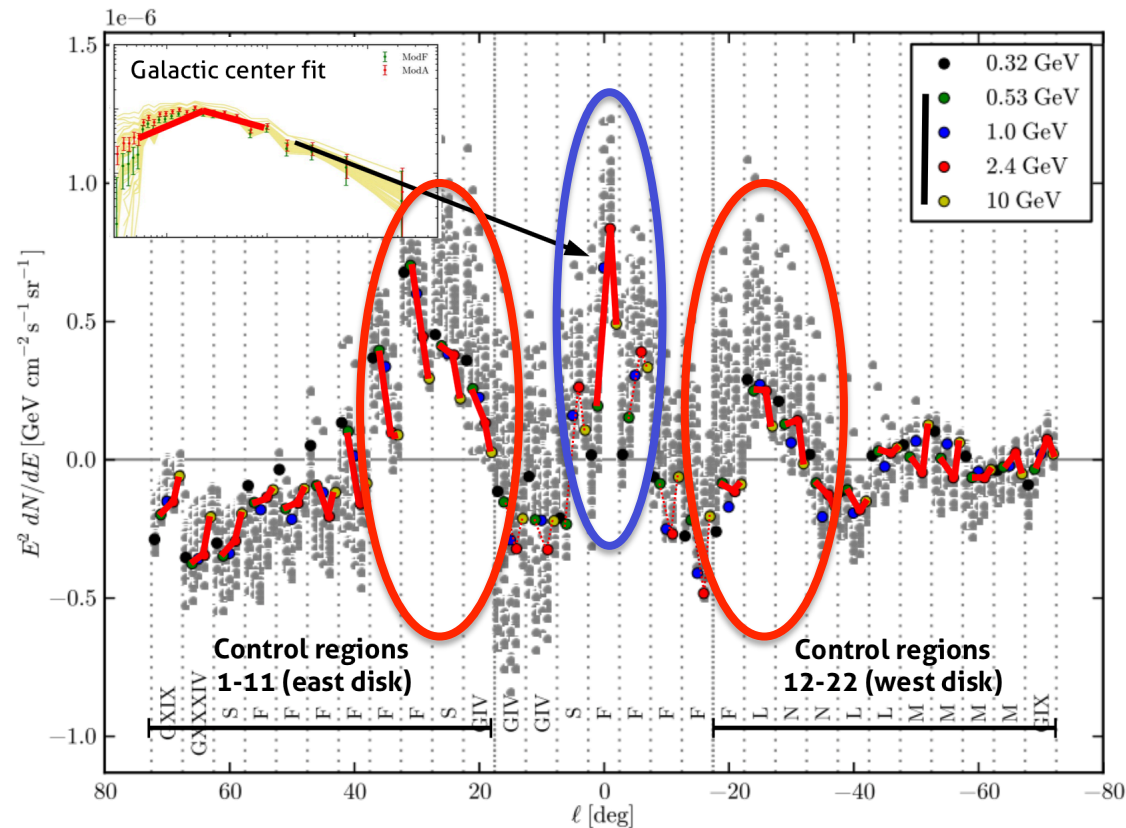


- Observations of the Galactic center include strong astrophysical foreground and backgrounds along the line-of-sight
- In the 1-100 GeV energy band these account ~85% of the γ -rays in a $15^\circ \times 15^\circ$ box around the Galactic center

Analysis: Fitting the Astrophysical Diffuse Emission



Spectral Excesses w.r.t. Diffuse Emission Model in as a Function of Galactic Longitude

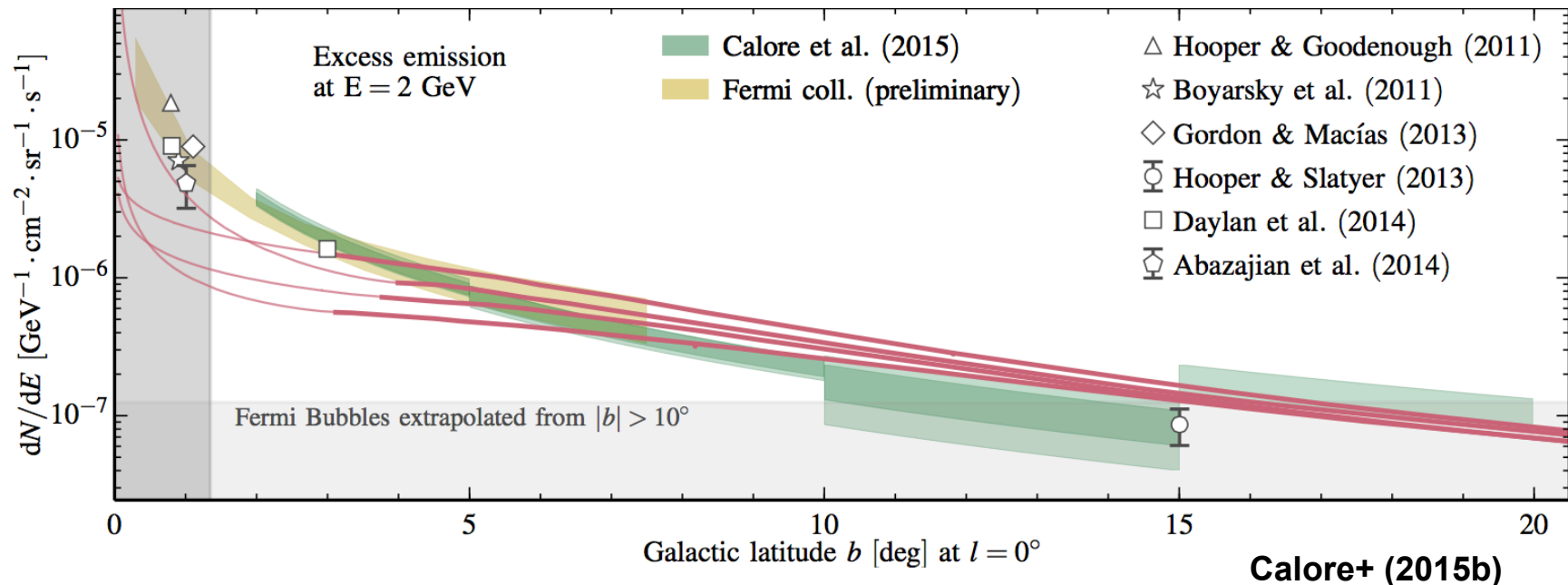


Calore+ (2015)
arXiv:1409.0042

- Excess emission w.r.t. standard diffuse emission models peaking around a few GeV **near the Galactic center** is well-established
- The interpretation of the excess is unclear (**similar size excesses** attributed to local sources of cosmic rays are present elsewhere)

Radial Profile of Galactic Center Excess

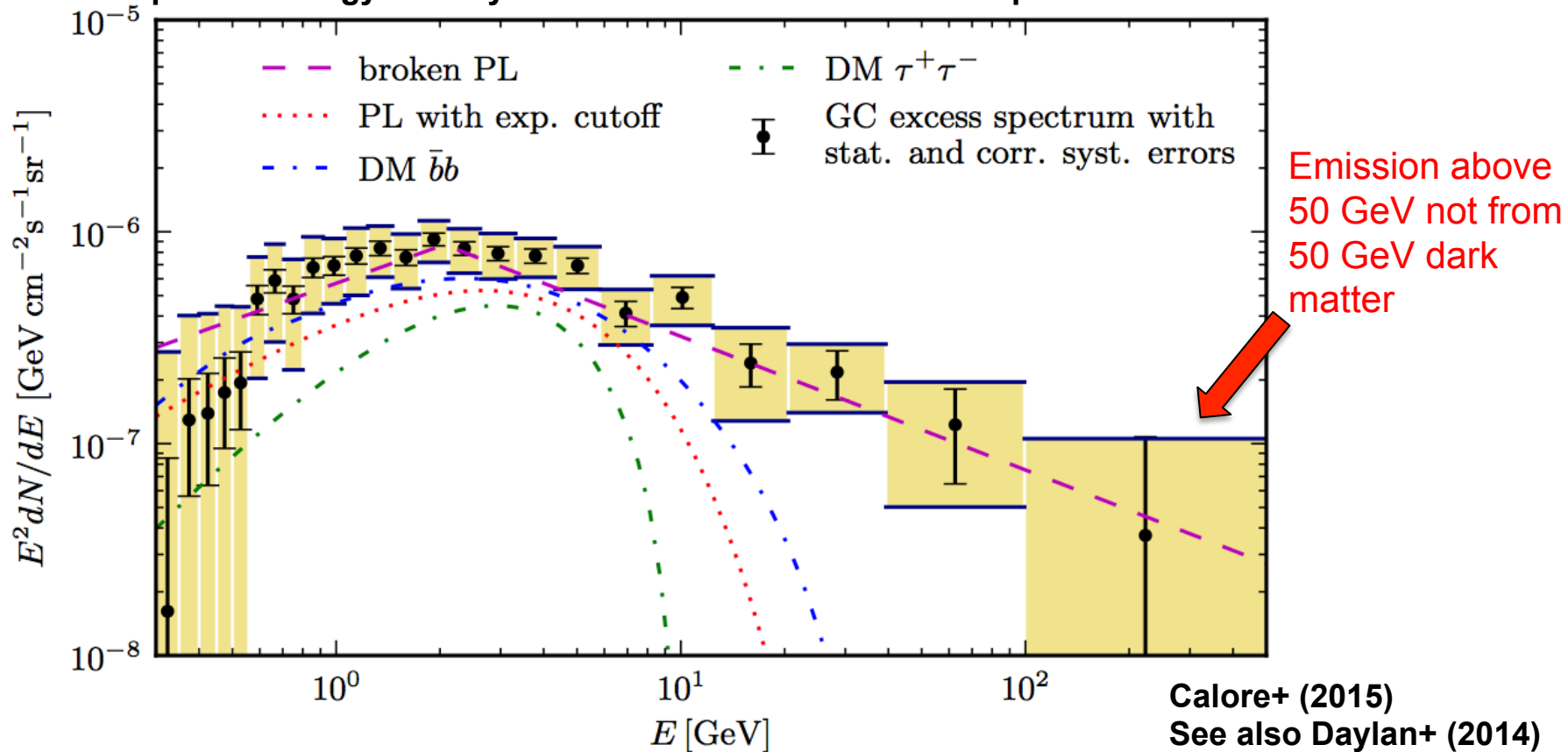
Radial profile of GC Excess (at 2 GeV) Compared to Predictions From N-Body Simulations



- Many authors have noted that the radial profile is broadly consistent with dark matter expectations (red lines above)
- N-body simulations of Milky-Way like galaxies tend to show less DM signal in the inner few degrees than observations of the Galactic center (shaded regions)

Spectrum of the Galactic Center Excess

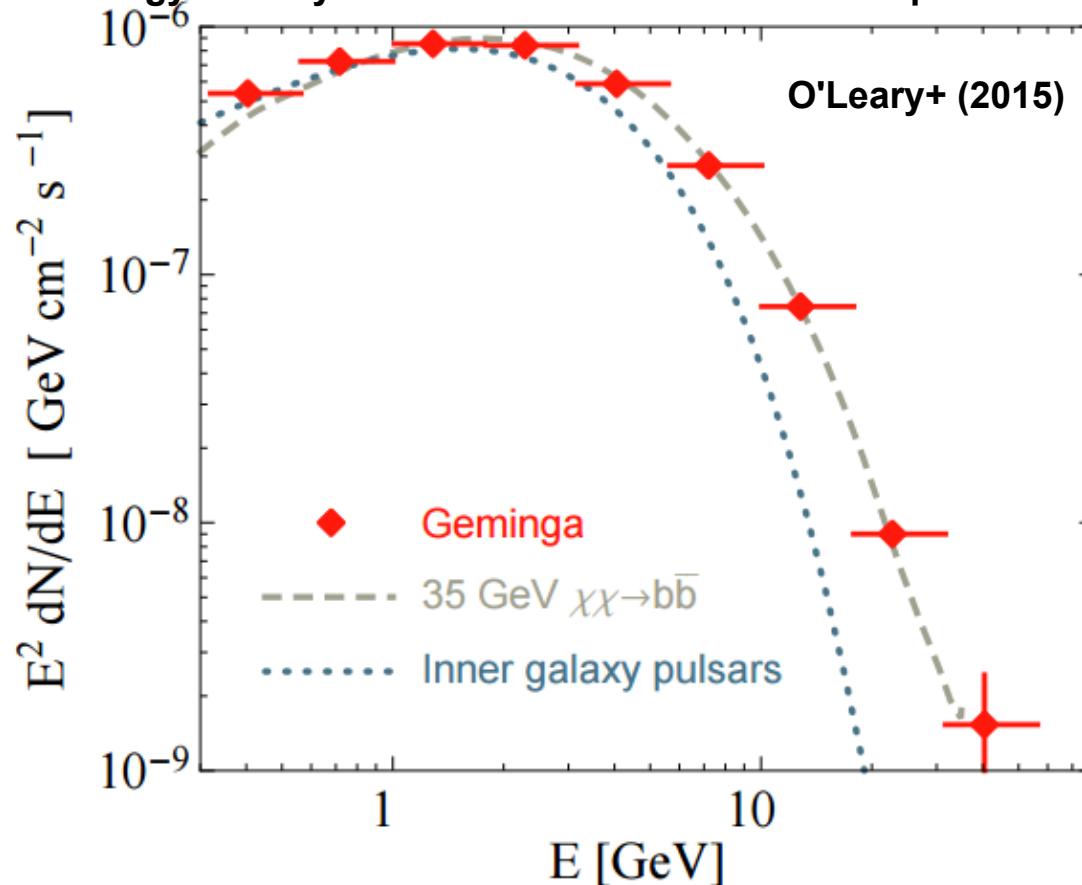
Spectral Energy Density for Galactic Center Excess Compared to Several Models



- The bin-to-bin error bars are highly correlated b/c of the modeling of the diffuse Galactic foregrounds
- For example, the broken PL fit is only favored over DM $\tau^+\tau^-$ by 2-3 σ

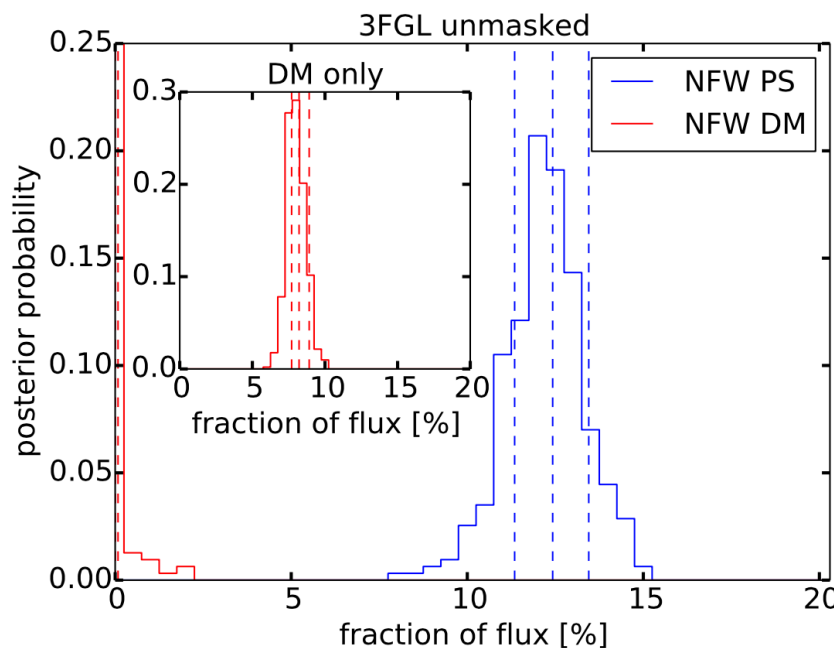
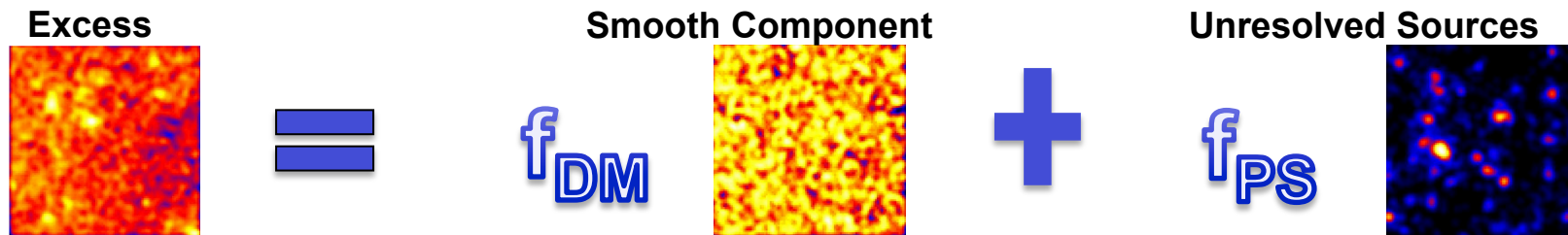
Signal Degeneracy with Pulsars

Spectral Energy Density for Galactic Center Excess Compared to Two Pulsar Models



- Many authors have pointed out that the γ -ray spectra for pulsars are very similar to the spectra for low-mass dark matter
- GC excess may be attributable to population of unresolved pulsars

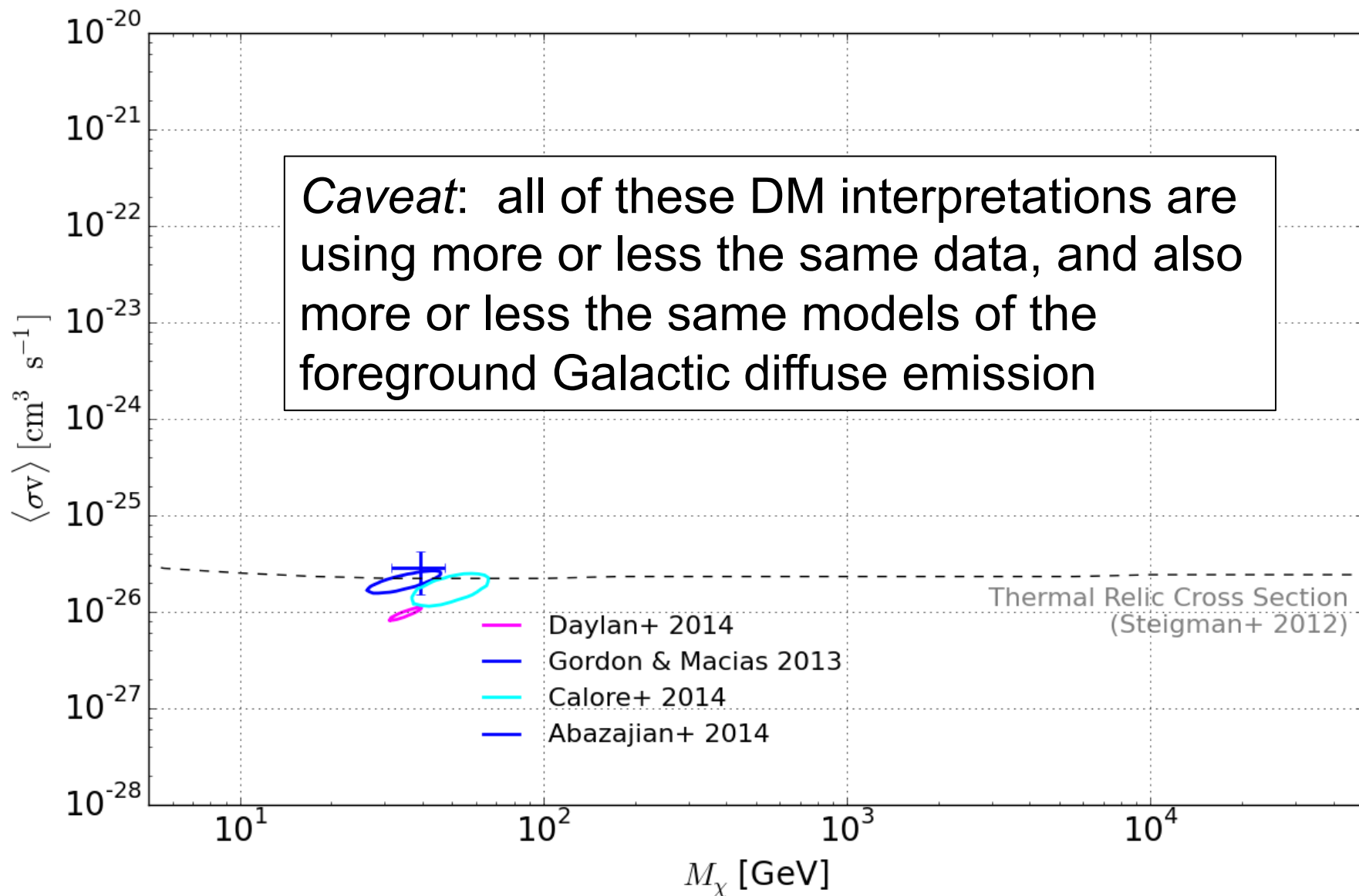
Resolving the Pulsar / Dark Matter Degeneracy



Lee+ (2015)
See also
Cholis+ (2015)
Bartels+ (2015) & others

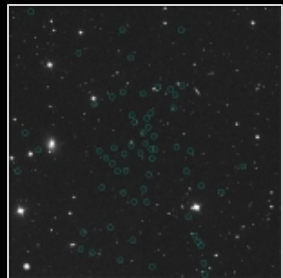
- Several authors have performed statistical analyses of fluctuations near the Galactic center to disentangle the pulsar / DM degeneracy
- Claim that data favor population of unresolved point sources

Dark Matter Interpretations of GC Excess



Searches for DM in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

Segue 1
Keck Observatory

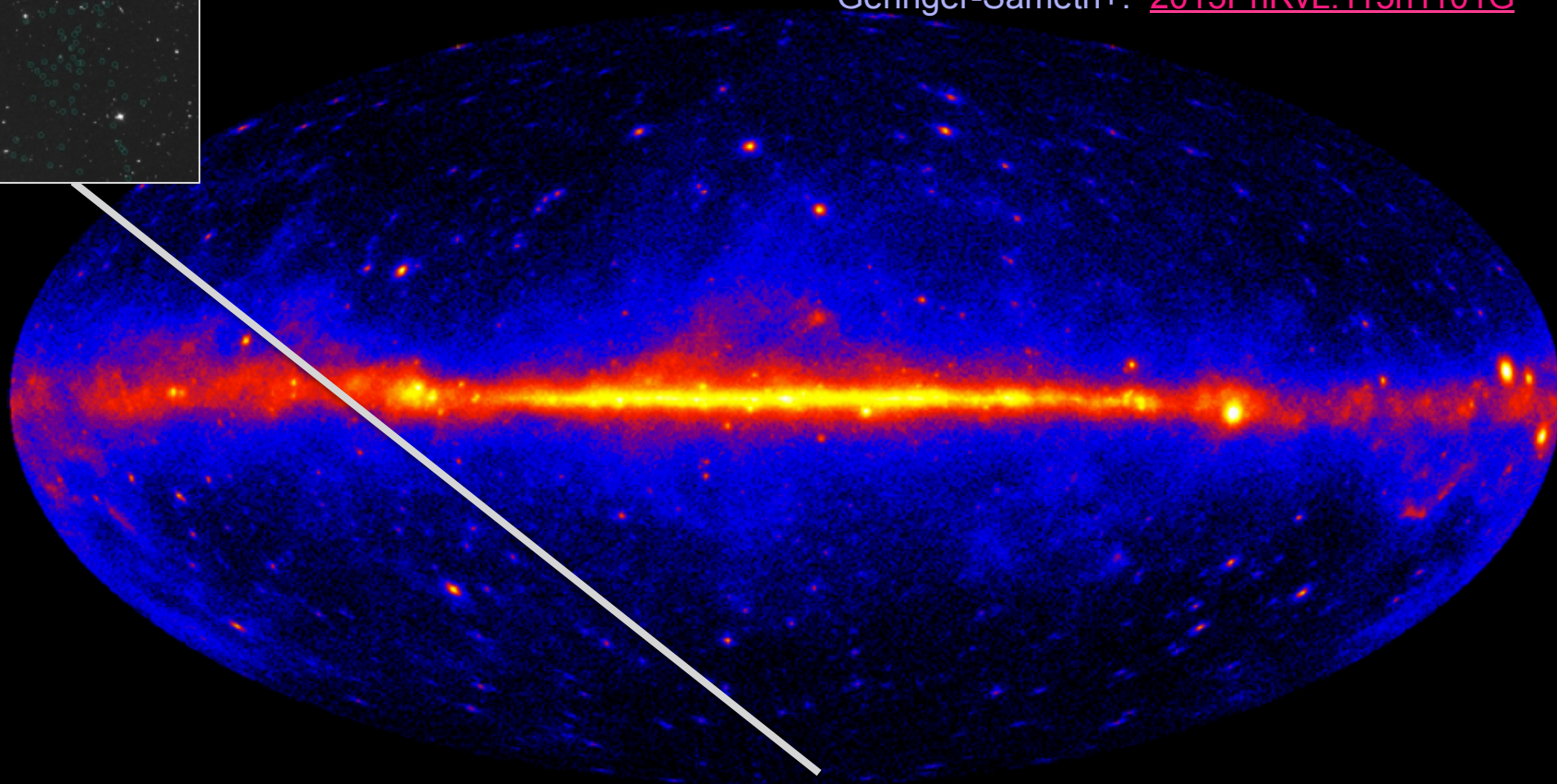


Recent papers

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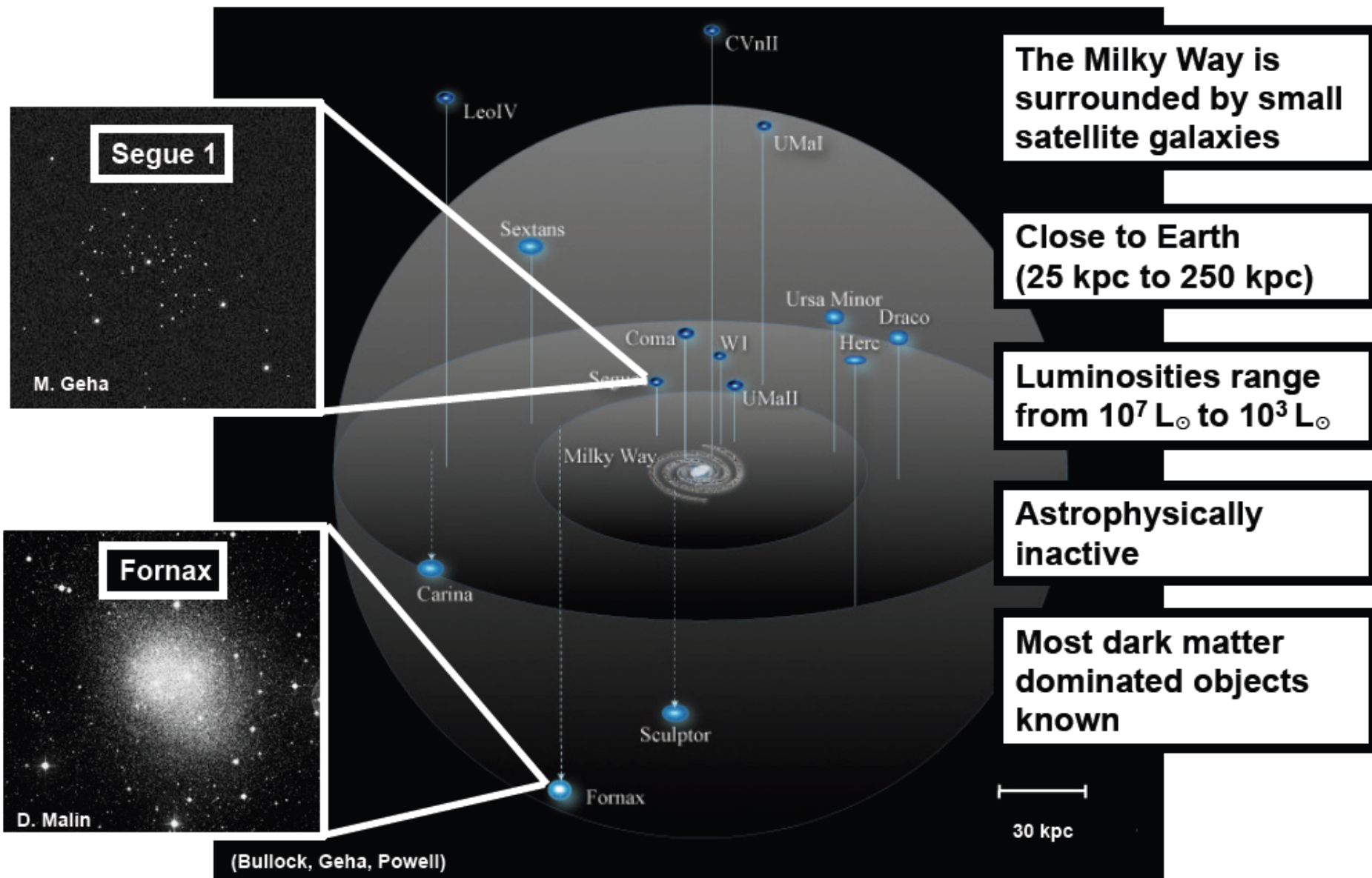
LAT + DES: arXiv:1508.05827

Geringer-Sameth+: [2015PhRvL.115h1101G](#)

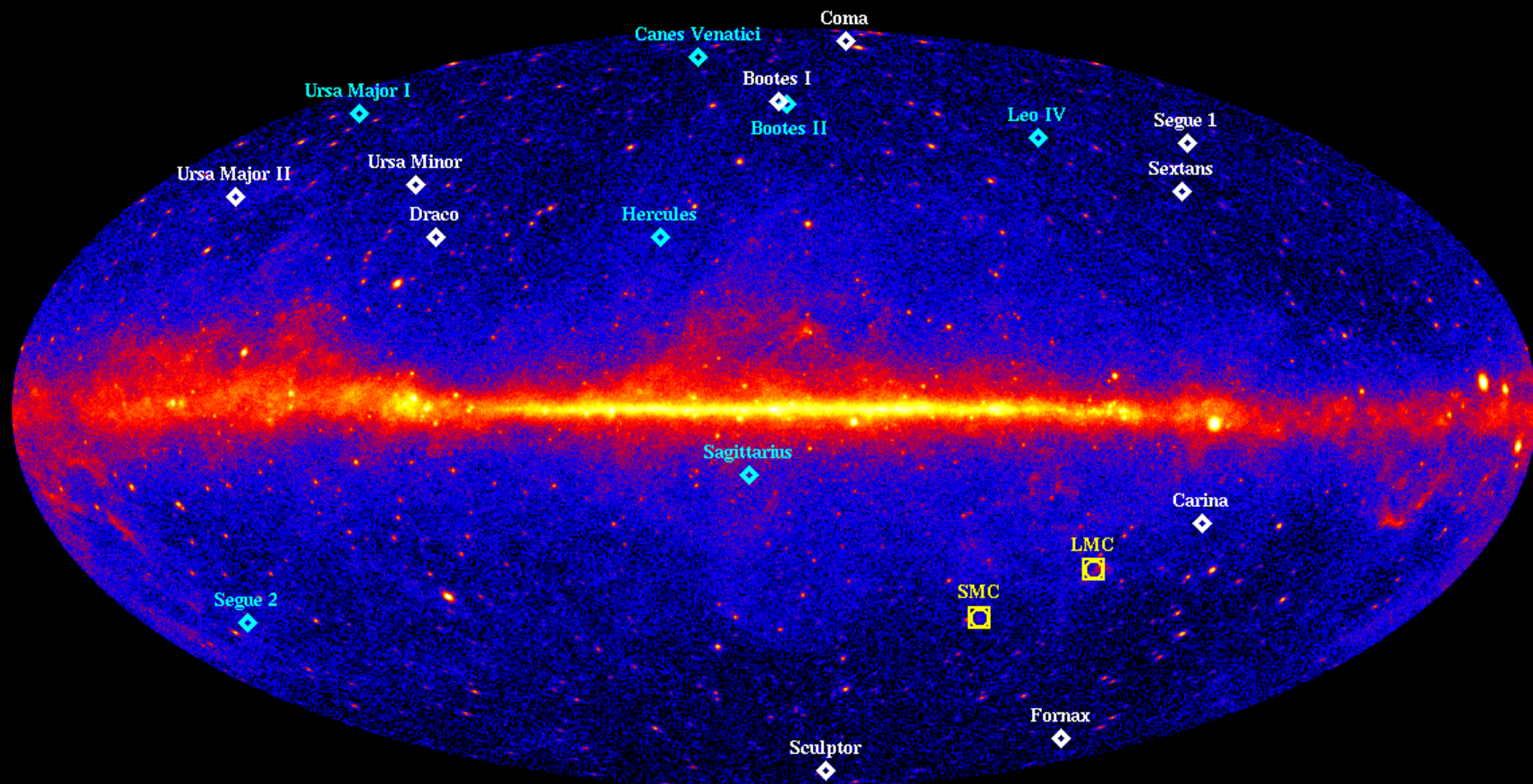


- Look for γ -ray emission from Dwarf spheroidal galaxies with large, well measured, J-factors at high Galactic latitudes
- This is a low-signal, low-background search strategy

Searches for DM in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

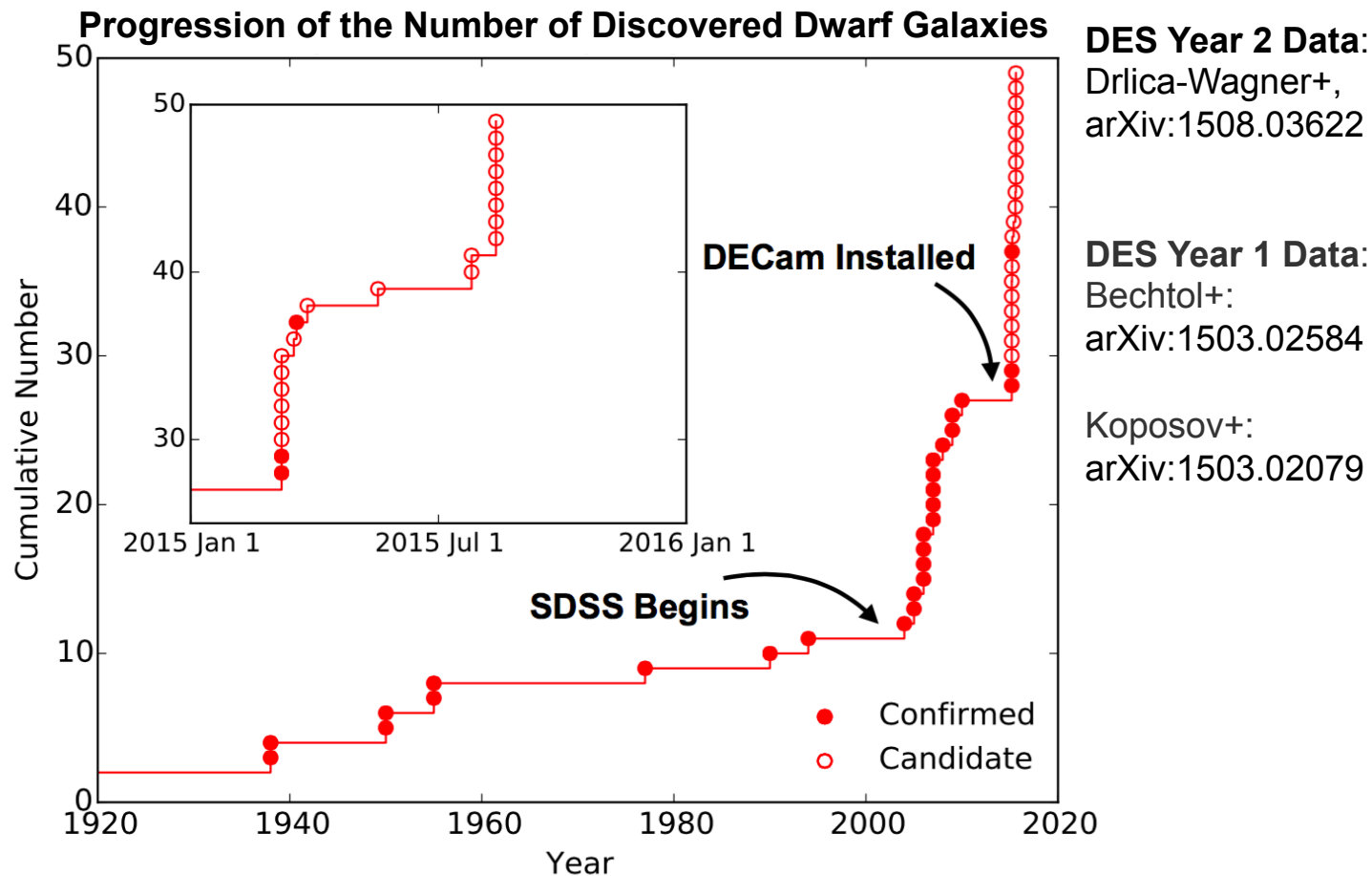


Searches for DM in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



- Roughly two dozen Dwarf spheroidal satellite galaxies of the Milky Way
- Some of the most dark matter dominated objects in the Universe
- Negligible astrophysical γ -ray production expected

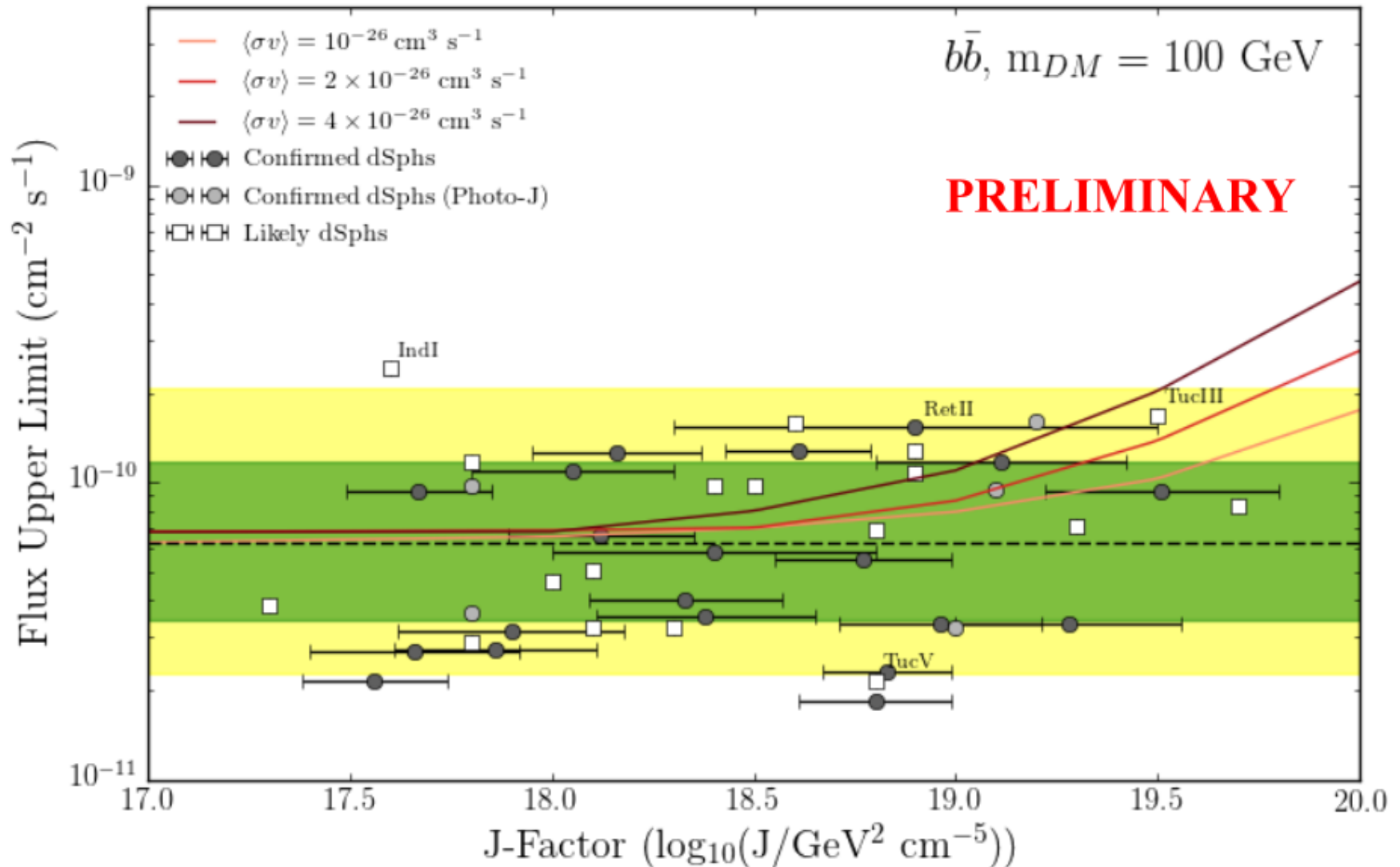
Growing Number of Known Dwarf Galaxies



- Advent of deep, digital survey era in optical astronomy has lead to the discovery of numerous new Milky Way-satellite dwarf galaxies
- LSST & other surveys will continue to find new dwarf galaxies after Fermi is decommissioned

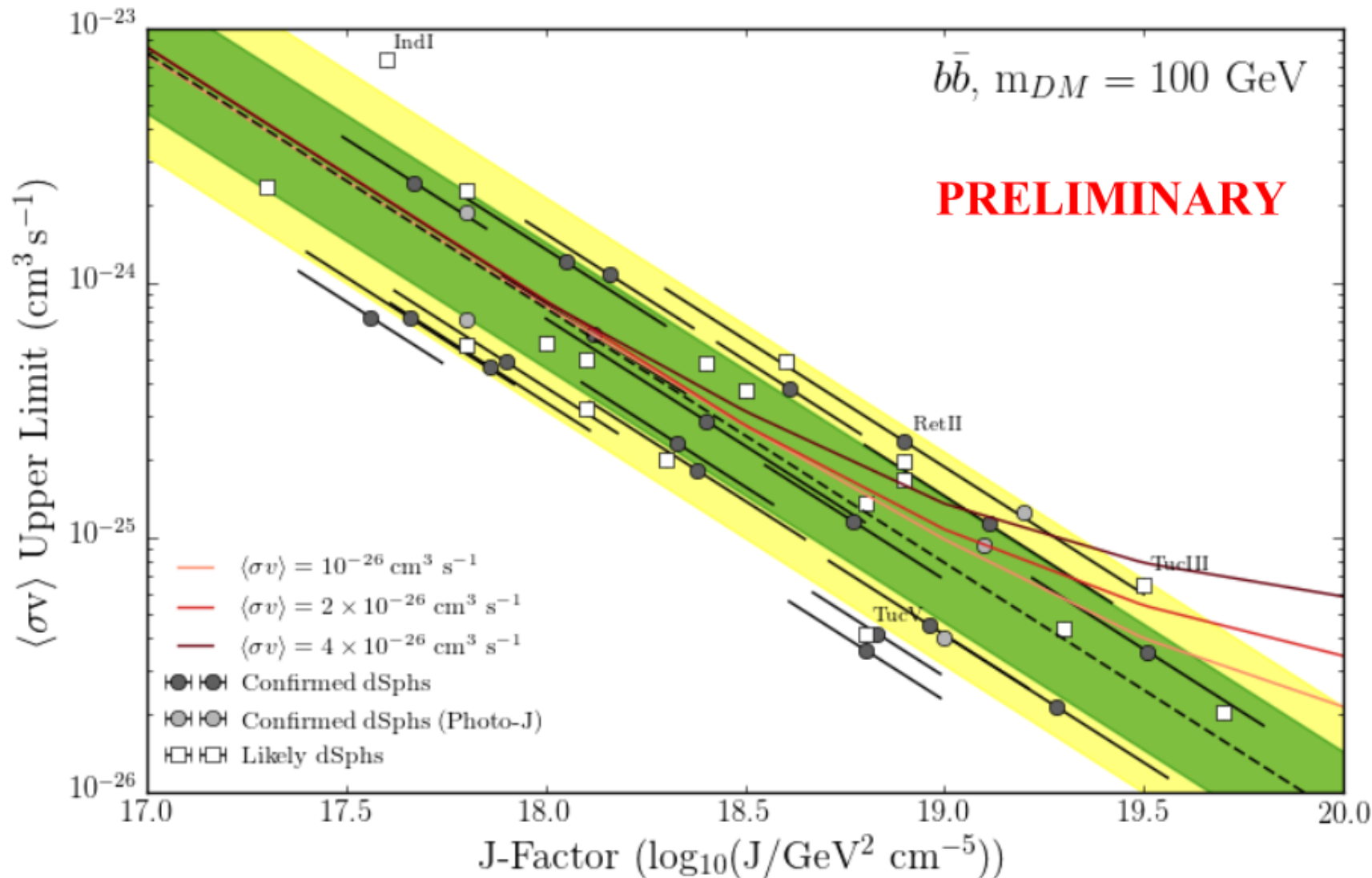
Flux Upper Limits From Dwarf Galaxies

Flux Upper Limit v. J-Factor for several Dwarf Galaxies

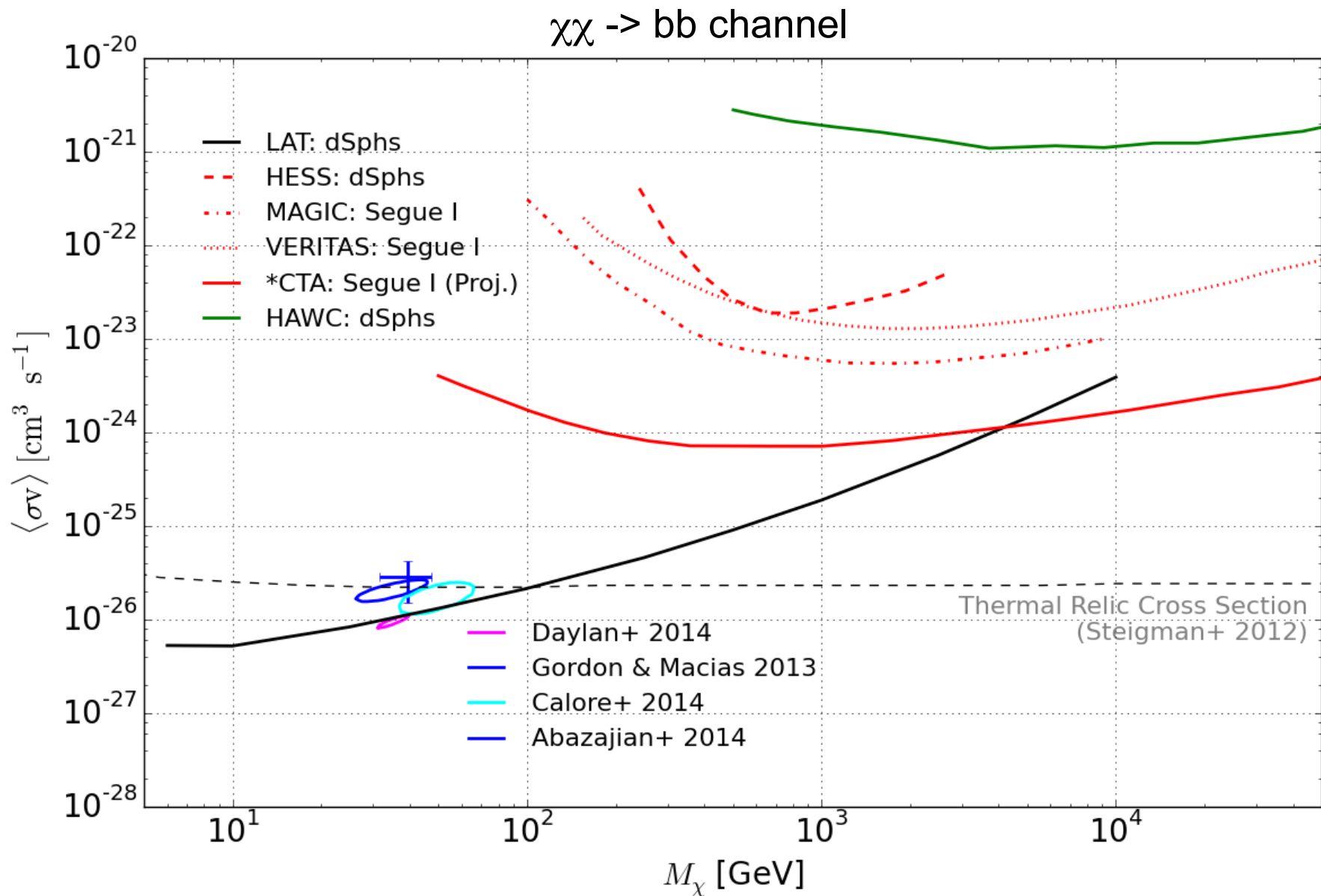


$\langle\sigma v\rangle$ Upper Limits From Dwarf Galaxies

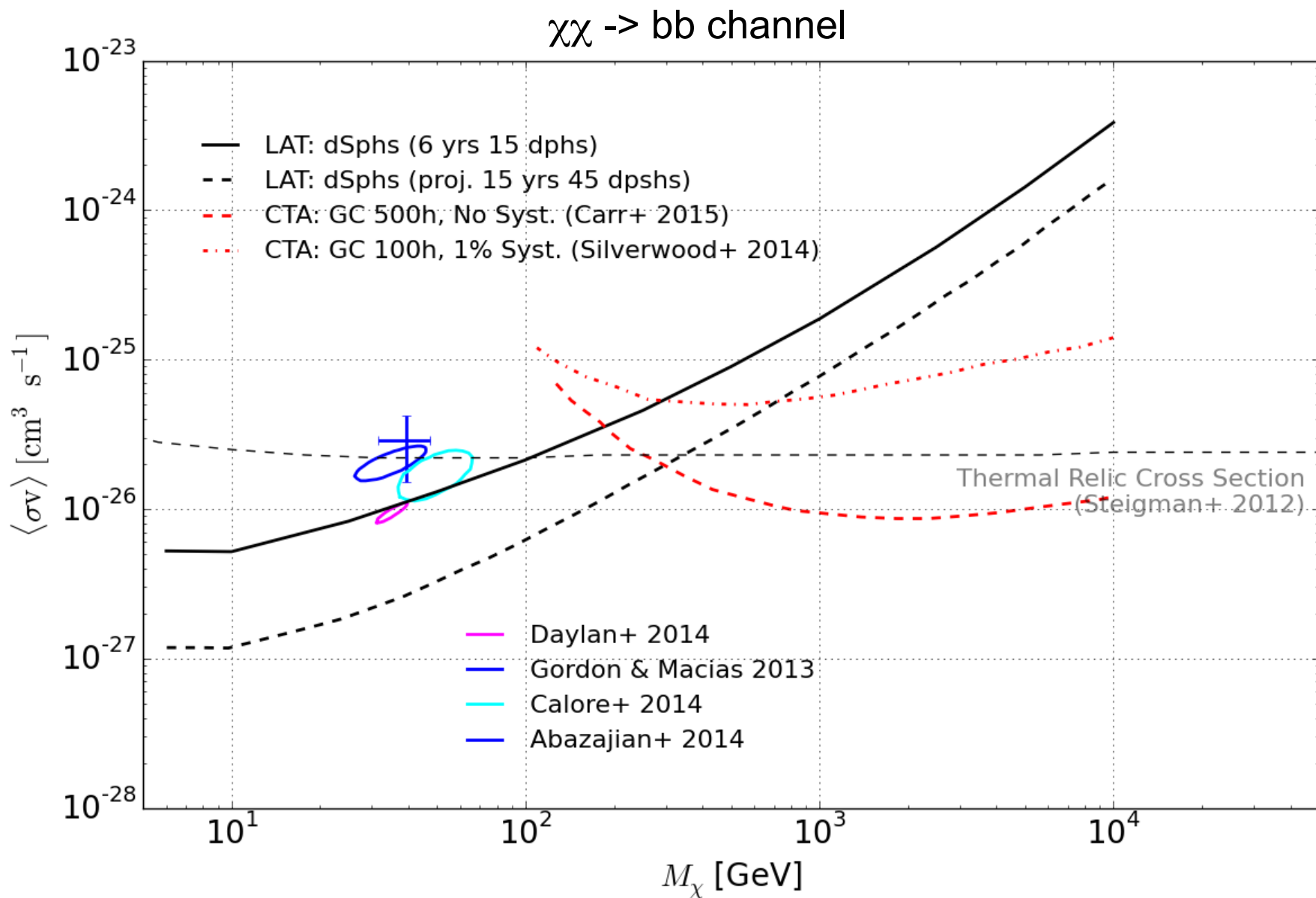
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Published* Upper Limits from Dwarf Galaxies



Projected Upper Limits From LAT + CTA



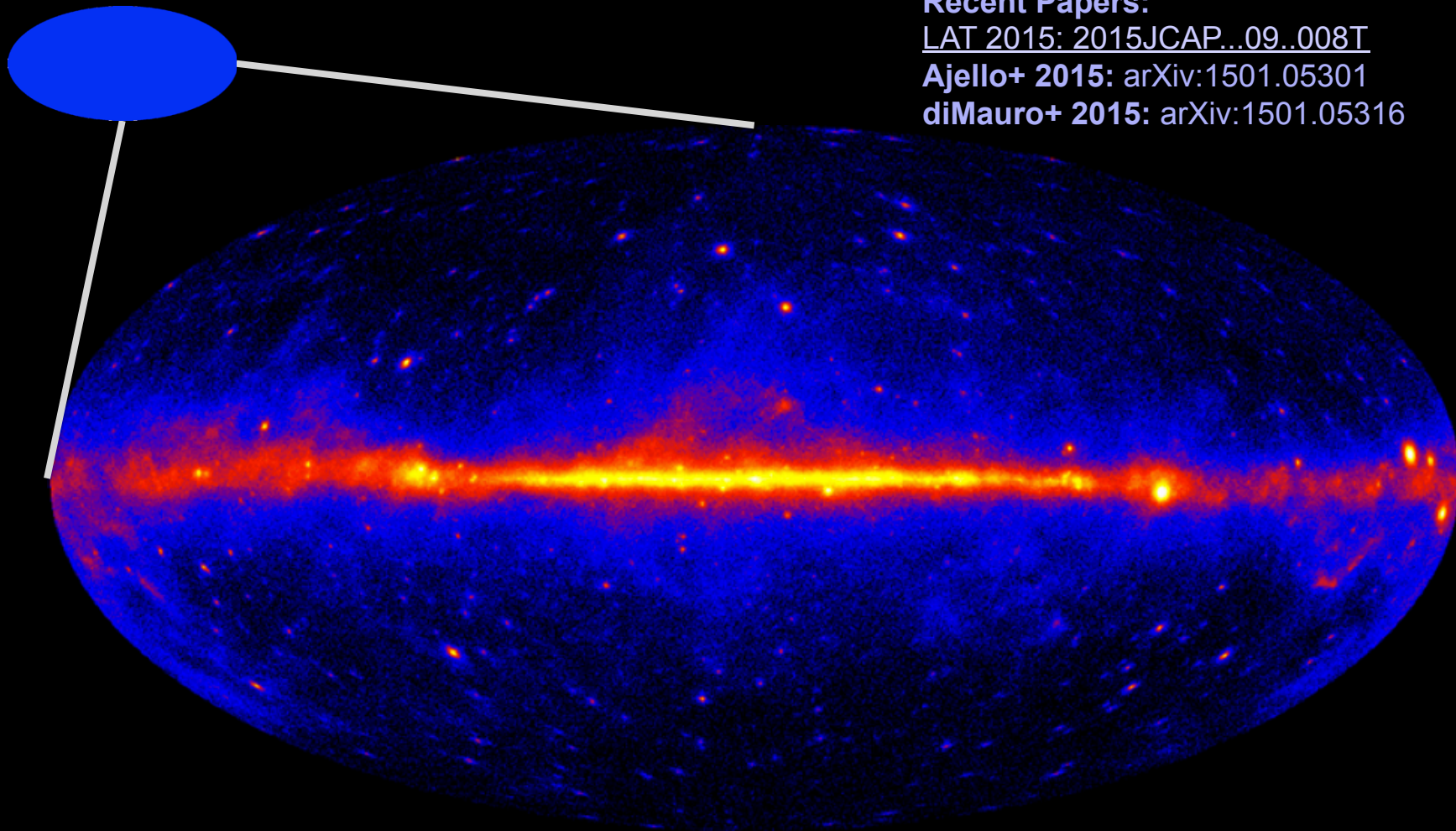
DM Contributions to the “Isotropic” Background

Recent Papers:

LAT 2015: 2015JCAP...09..008T

Ajello+ 2015: arXiv:1501.05301

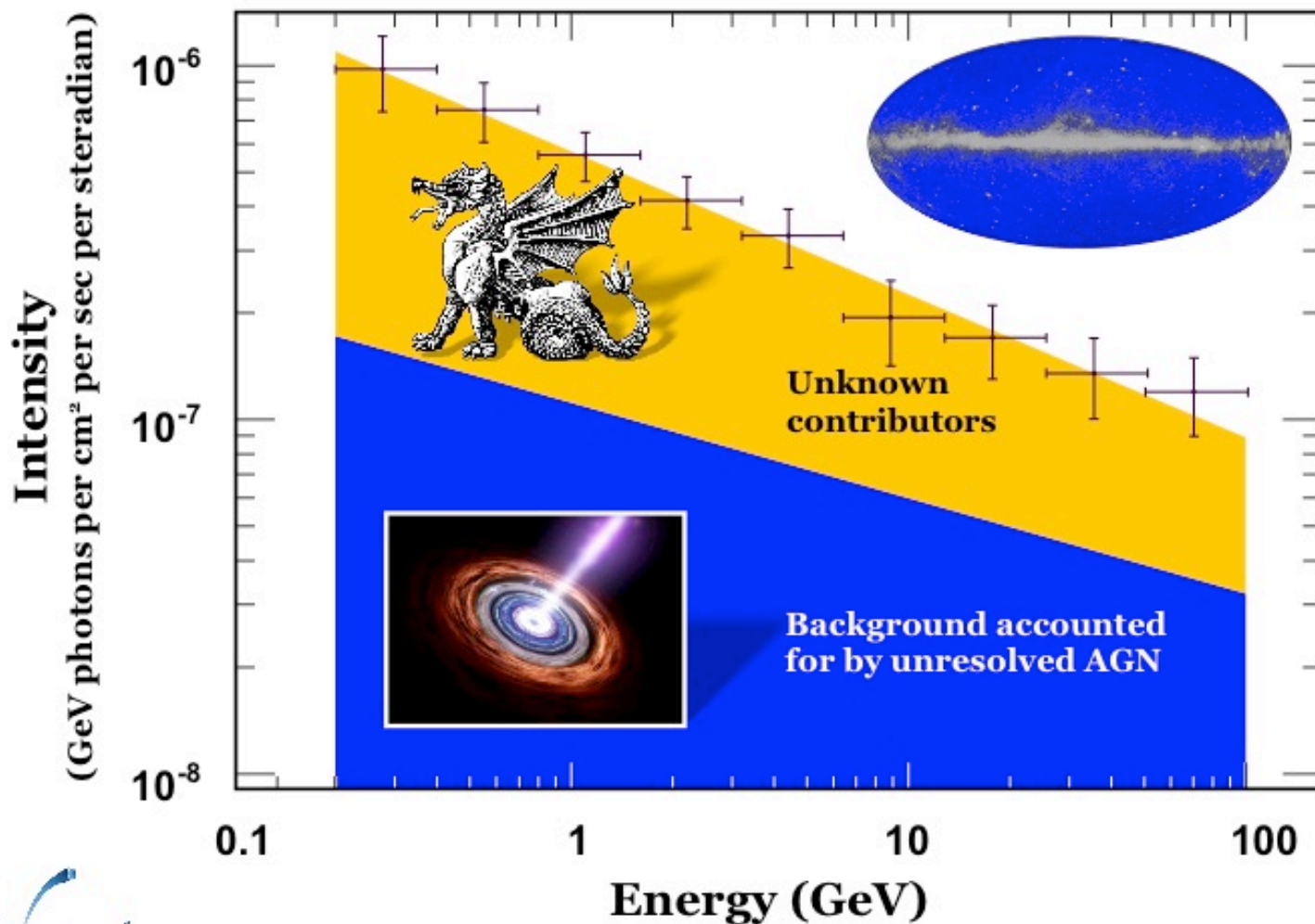
diMauro+ 2015: arXiv:1501.05316



- Look for signatures of dark matter in the Isotropic background
- This requires good knowledge of all the astrophysical foregrounds

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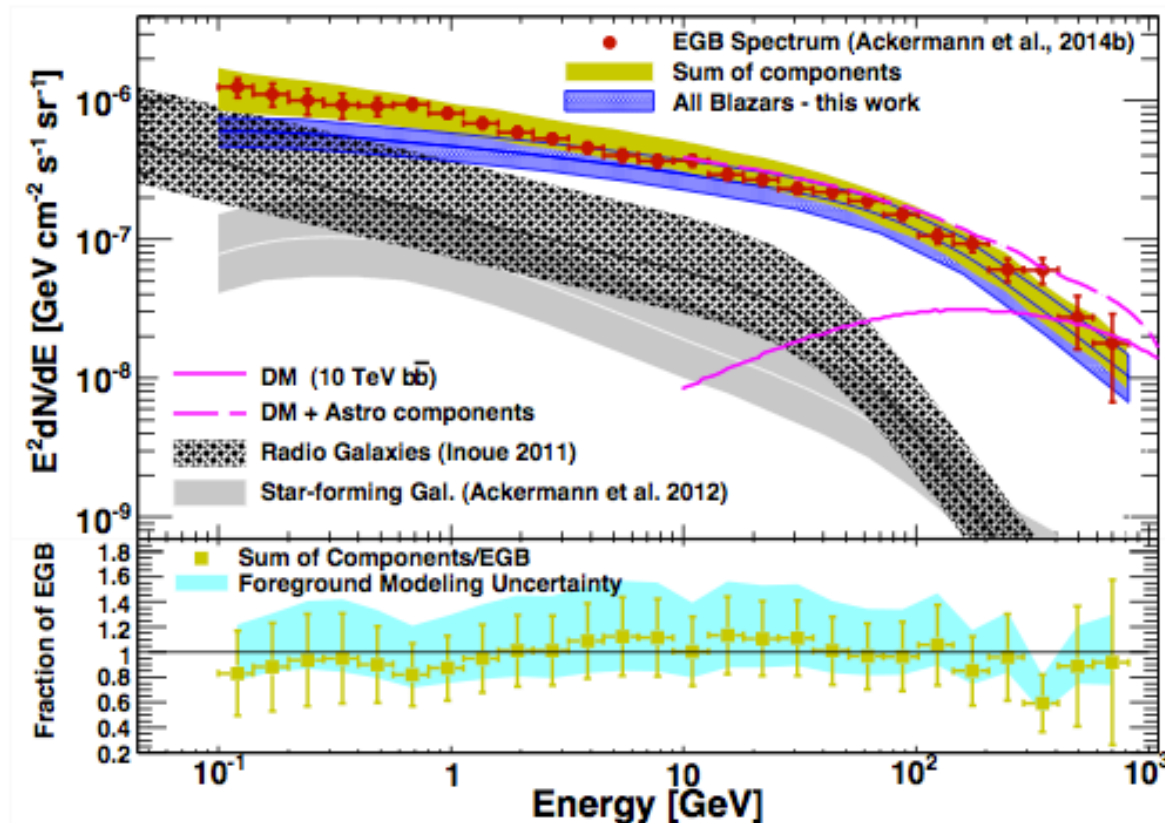
Fermi LAT Extragalactic Gamma-ray Background



Results are schematic only

Dark Matter Contributions to the Extragalactic Background

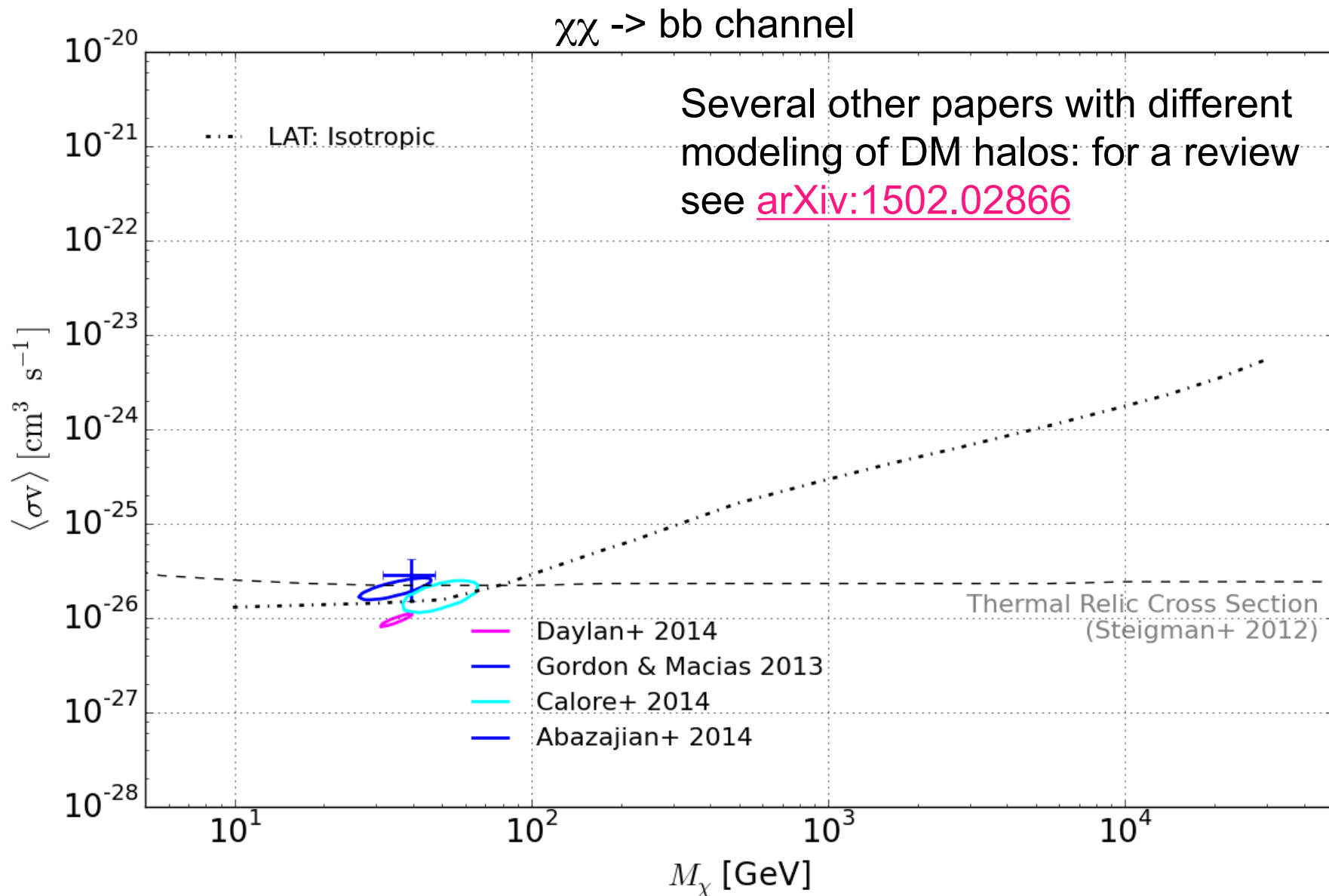
Comparison of Extragalactic Gamma-ray Background to Contributions from Sources



Ajello+
arXiv:1501.05301

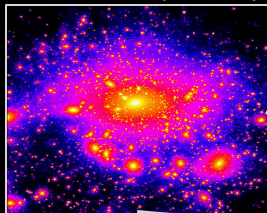
- Estimating the contribution from unresolved sources requires fitting the cumulative luminosity function $N(\text{Flux} > \text{Threshold})$ as a function of the threshold ($\log N - \log S$ in astronomy parlance)
- Good knowledge of the $\log N - \log S$ can also constrain the DM emission from local DM halos

Typical Limit from Cosmological Halos and Galactic Sub-Halos



Searches for DM Satellites in Unid. LAT Sources

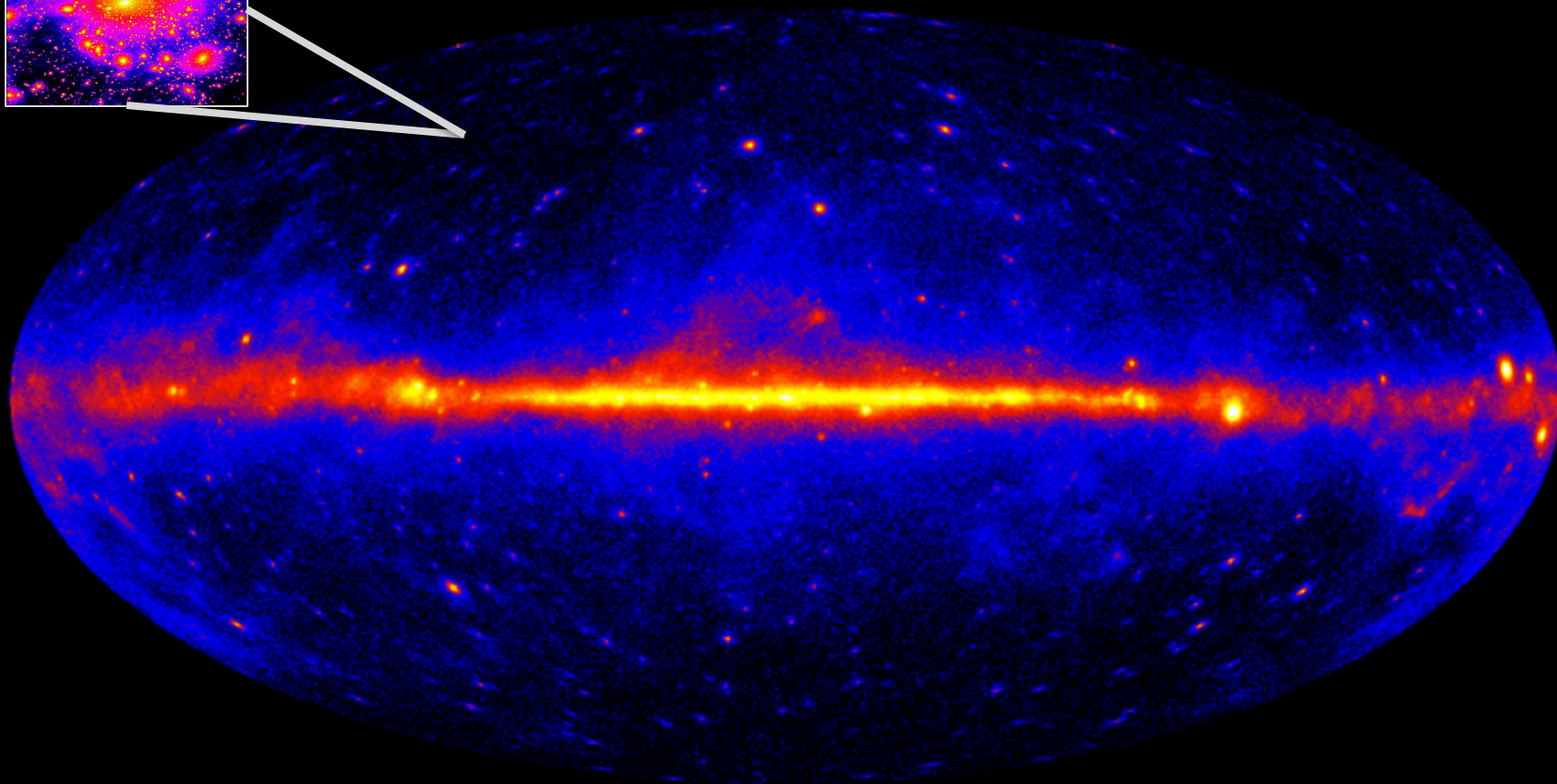
Simulated DM Satellite
Kazantzidis (2007)



Recent Papers:

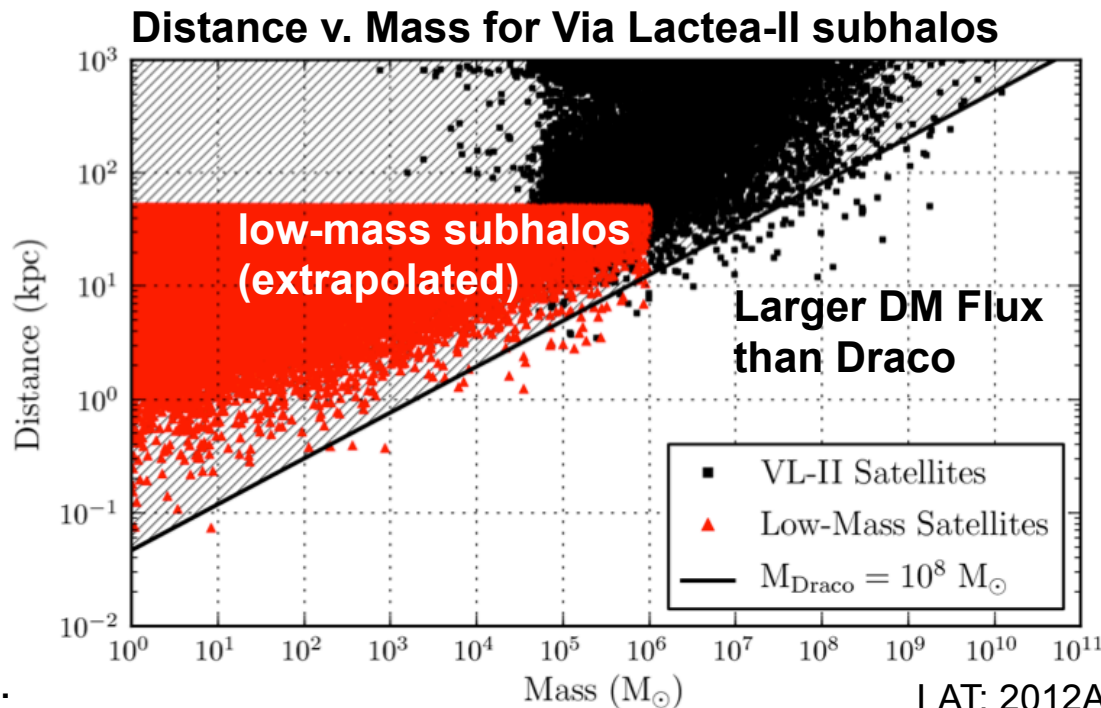
Berlin+ 2013 arXiv:1508.05390

Bertoni+ 2015 arXiv:1504.02087



- Look for population of LAT catalog sources that are consistent with DM signatures and inconsistent with known astrophysical source classes

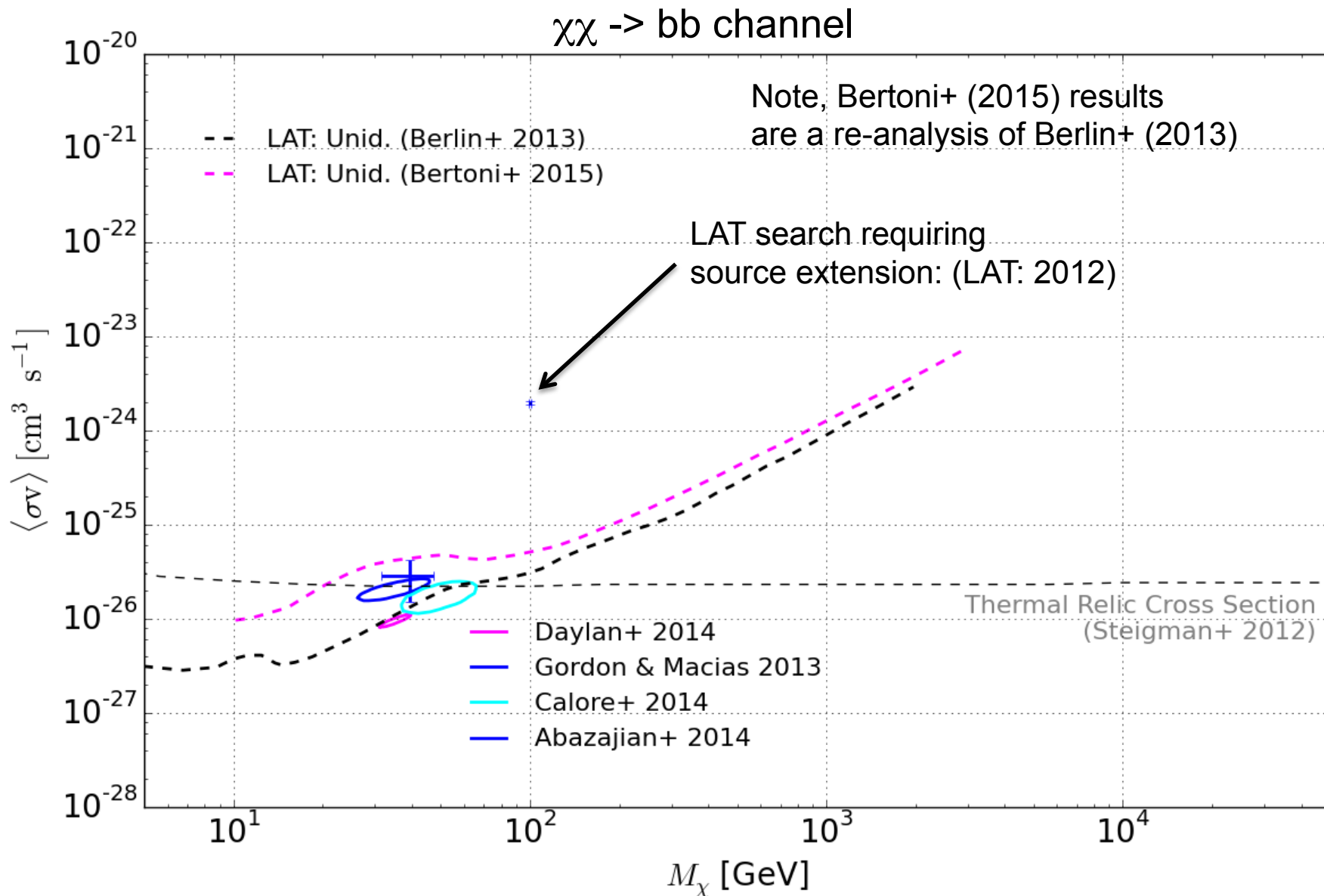
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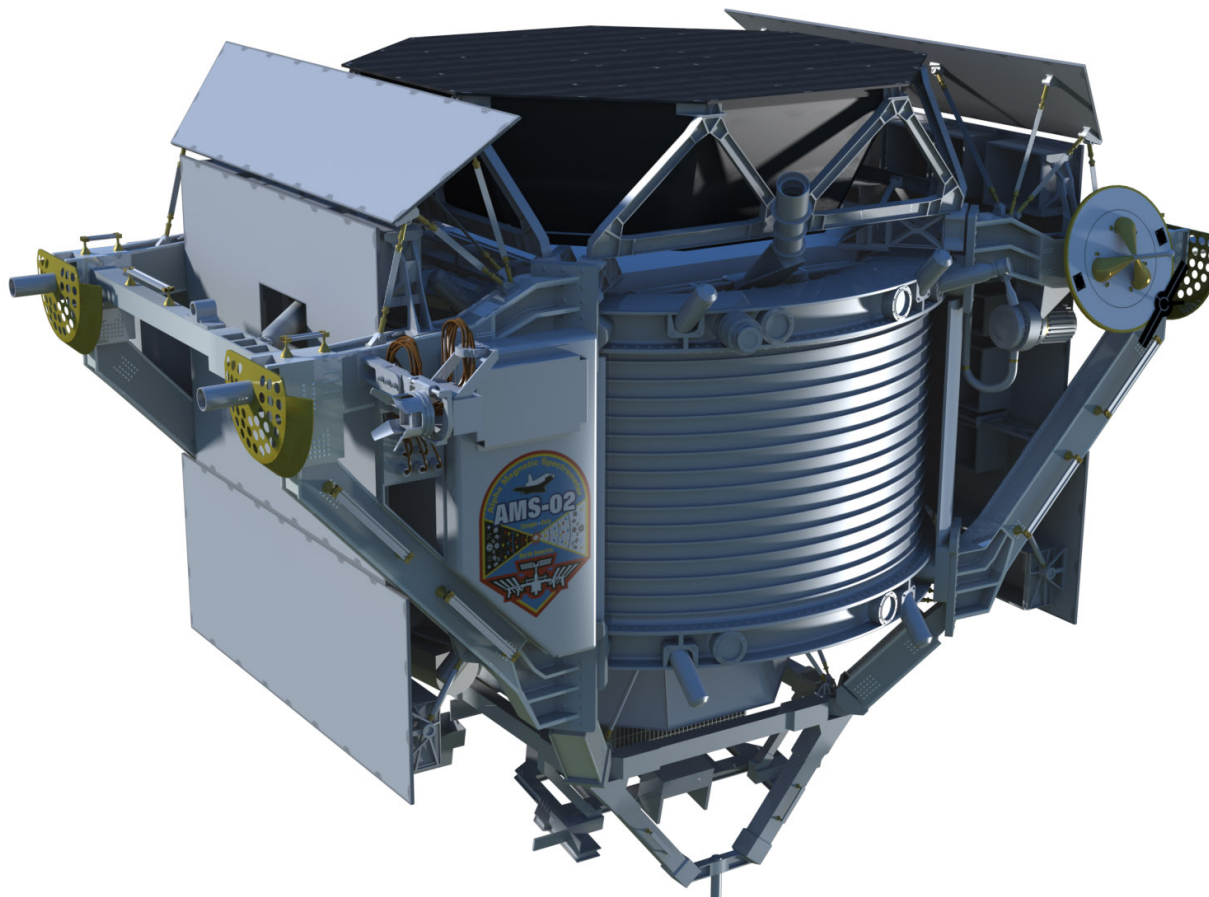
LAT: 2012ApJ.747..121A

- Search criteria:
 - catalog sources, off-plane: $|b| > 10^\circ$
 - not associated with counterparts at other wavelengths
 - steady emission, spectrum consistent with DM spectra
 - spatially extended ($> \sim 0.25^\circ$)
- Results:
 - Few sources pass criteria
 - From N-body simulations we infer a constraints on annihilation cross-section

Published Limits from Searches for Galactic Sub-Halos in Un-associated Sources

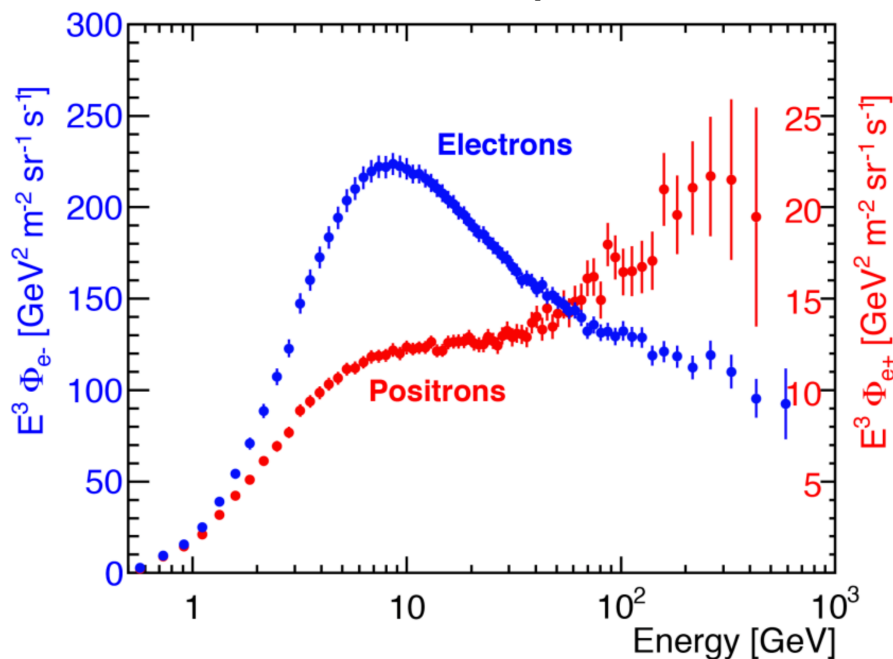


DM Limits from Cosmic-Ray Spectra

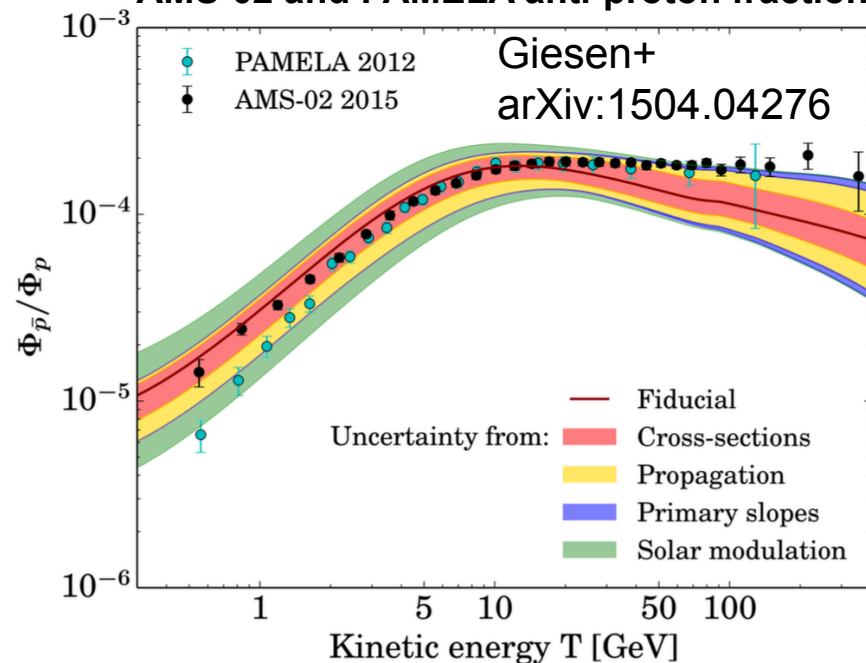


DM Limits from Cosmic-Ray Spectra

AMS-02 electron and positron fluxes

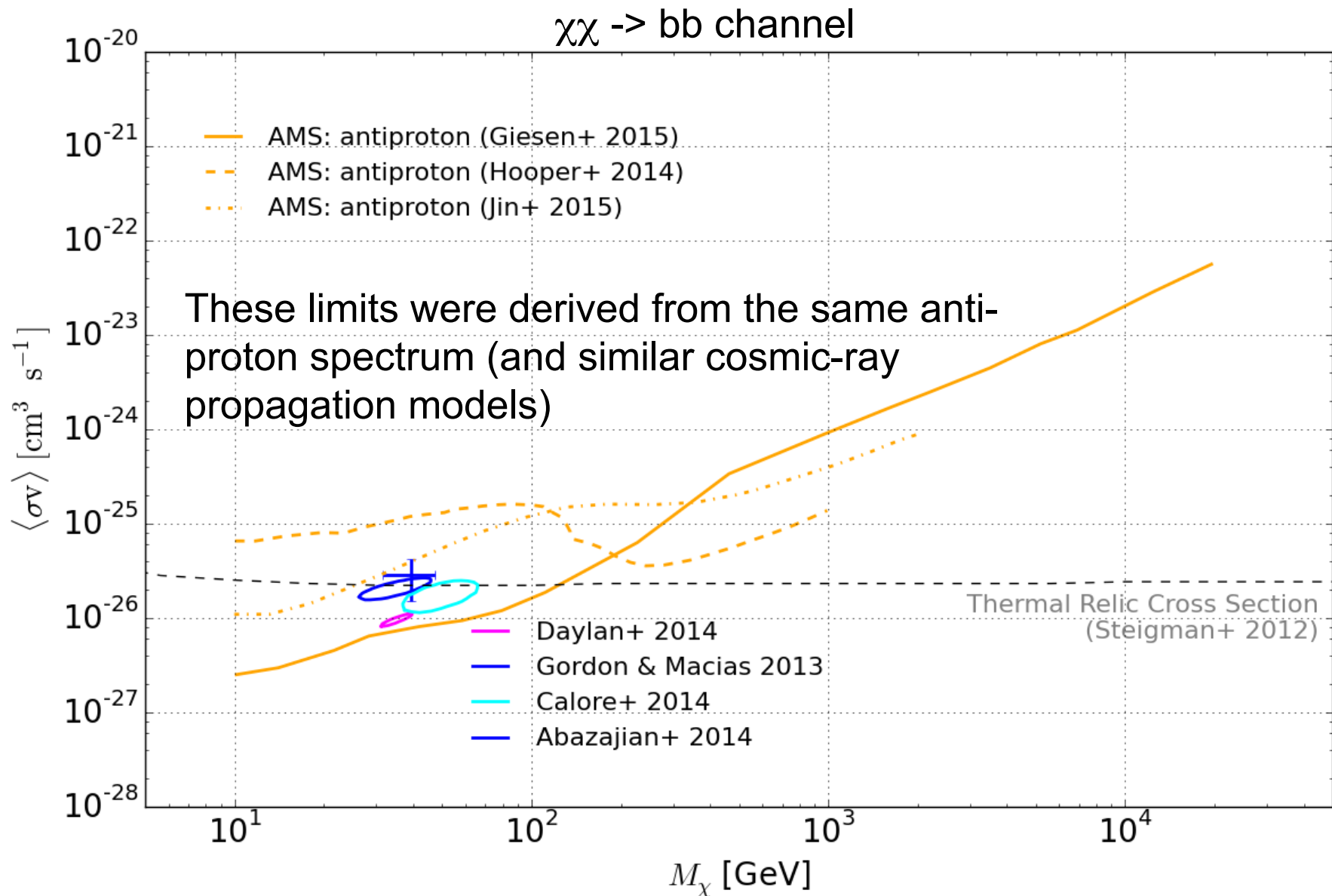


AMS-02 and PAMELA anti-proton fraction



- Extracting constraints on DM cross section from anti-particle fluxes requires detailed modeling of source populations, cosmic-ray propagation and other astrophysical effects (see sources of uncertainty on right figure).

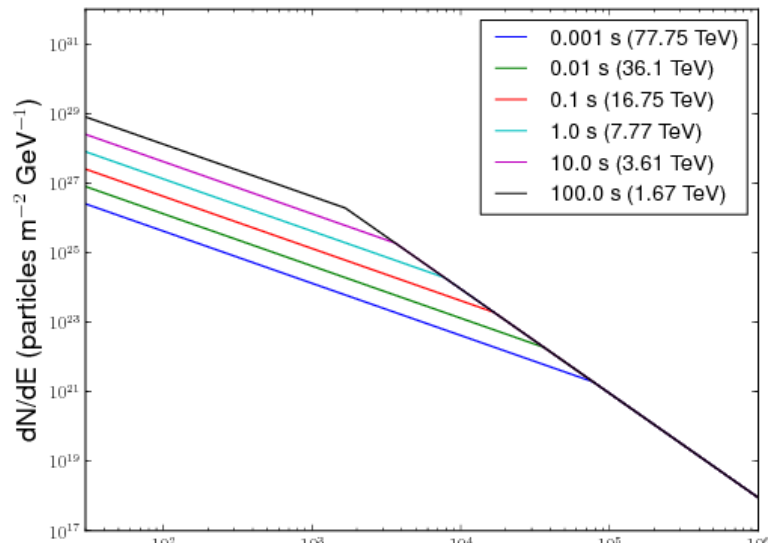
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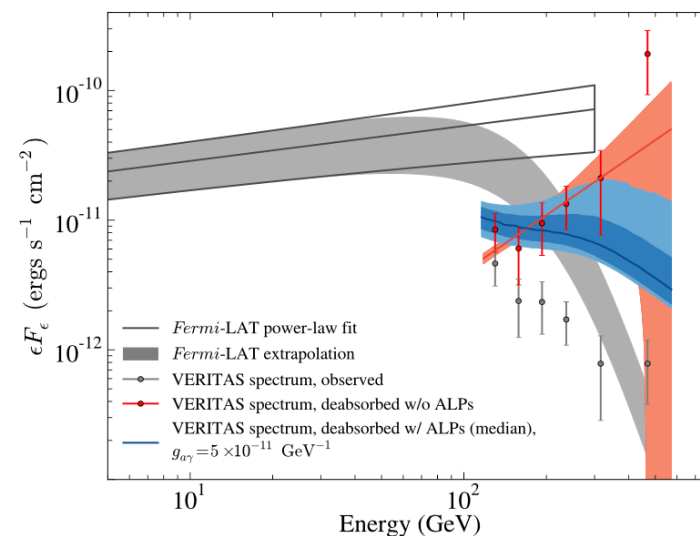
SEARCHES FOR NON-WIMP DARK MATTER

Searches for Primordial Black Holes and Axions

Spectra over remaining lifetime of PBH



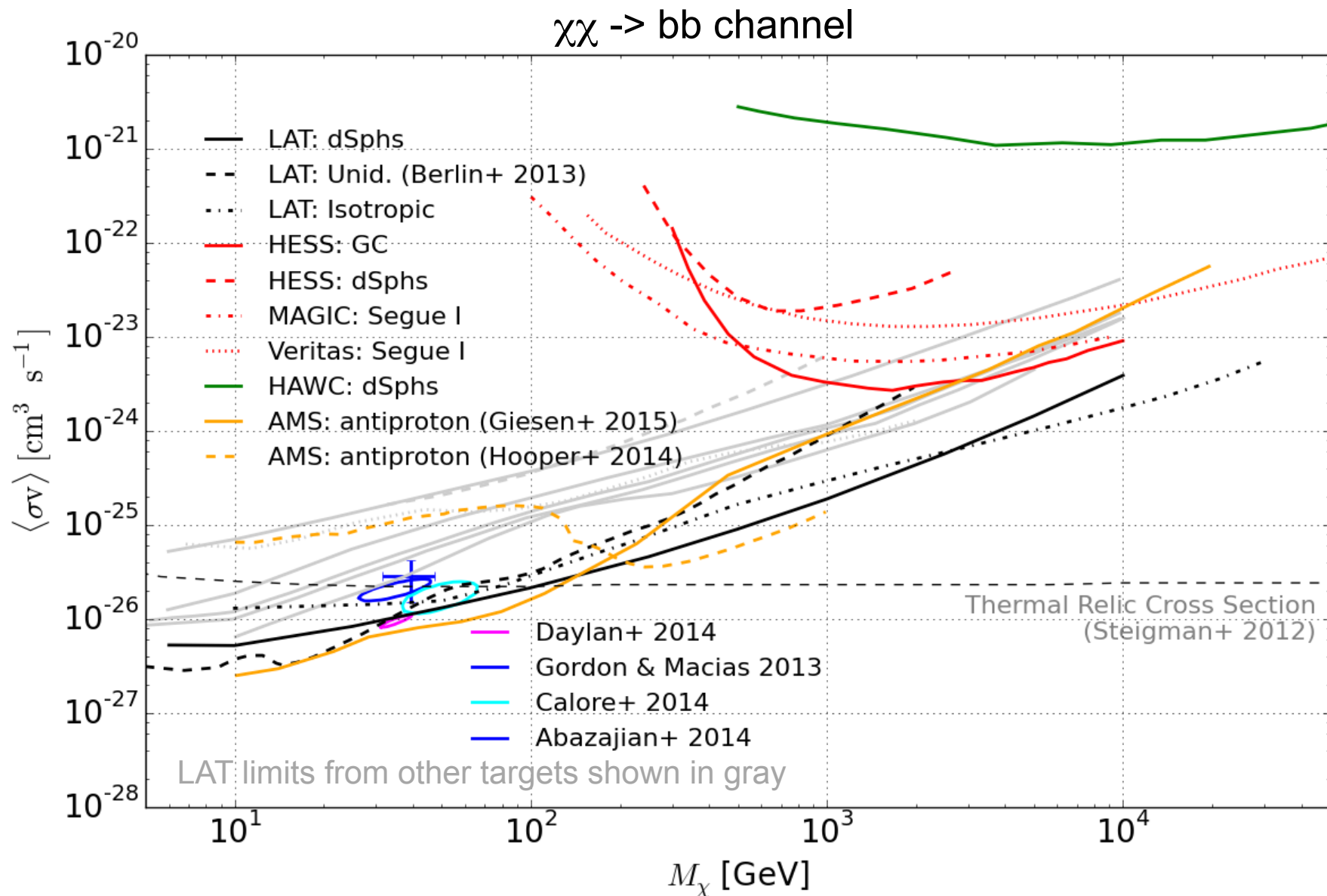
Spectrum from Blazar PKS 1424+240



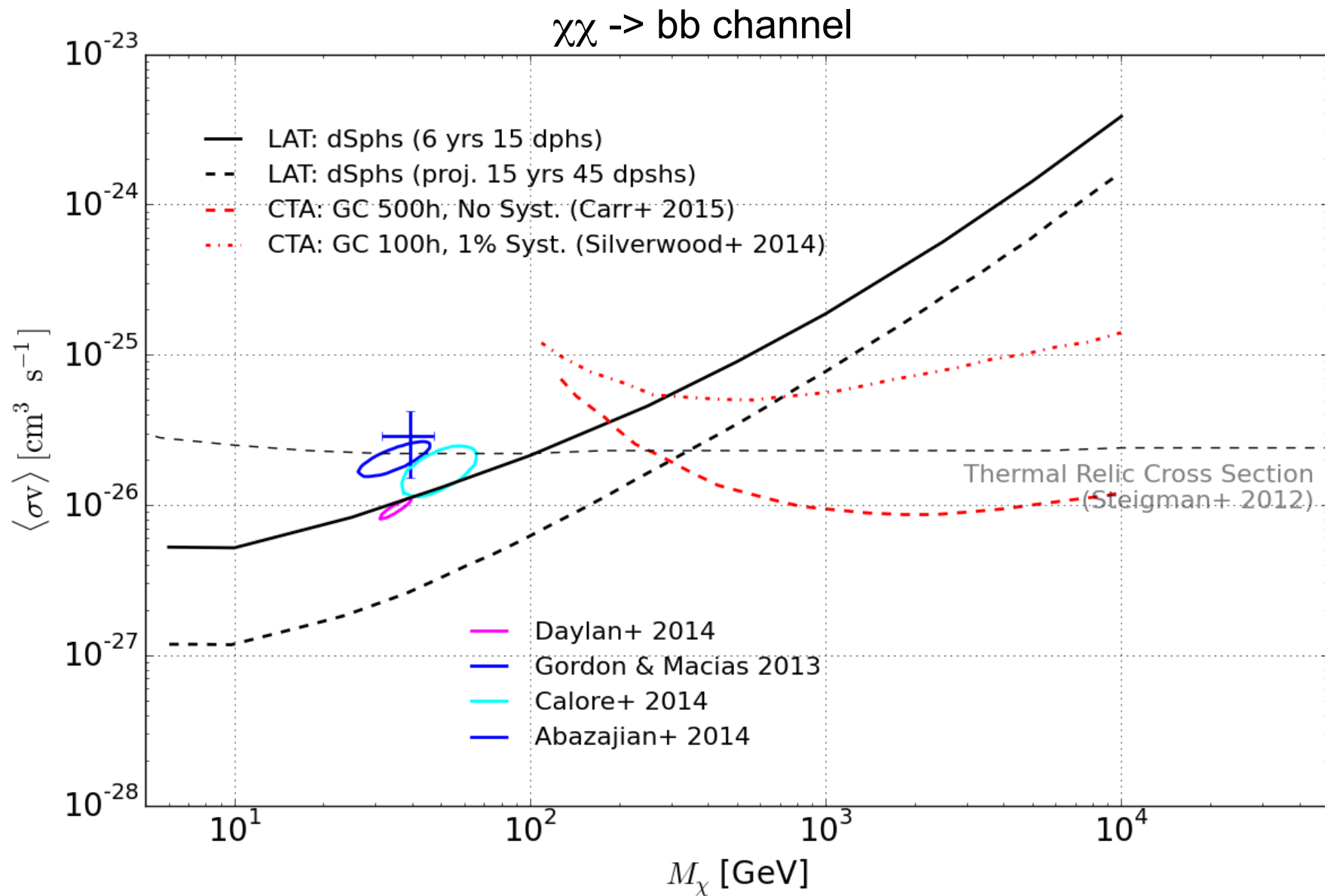
- *PBH Evaporation*: best limits come from considering the total contributions to the isotropic emission over the entire lifetime of the PBH
- The “burst” at the end of the PBH life is dramatic, but for every dying PBH there are millions that are emitting MeV γ rays
- *Axion-like particles*: search for TeV gamma-rays that reach us from distant Blazars where the optical depth from attenuation from interactions with extra-galactic background light is large ($\tau \gg 1$)
- Other searches consider spectral distortions of nearby Blazars

SUMMARY

Summary of Current Results from Indirect-Detection DM Searches



Projected Results for Best Search Targets



Summary

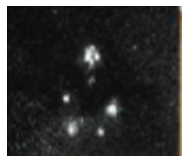
- All the evidence for dark matter comes from astronomical observations
- Many indirect-detection dark matter searches look for dark matter signals associated with specific astrophysical targets with large known dark matter content, such as dwarf galaxies
- Cosmology provides a robust prediction of the thermally averaged cross section for a thermal relic DM particle: $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- LAT data have been used to rule out WIMPs at the thermal relic cross-section up to $\sim 150 \text{ GeV}$ (for annihilation to b-quarks)
- The LAT sensitivity has reached the thermal relic level and thus is informing us about the DM production mechanism in the early Universe
- With the LAT and CTA we can hope to cover the thermal relic cross-section up to several TeV

BONUS SLIDES

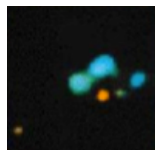
HIGH-ENERGY ASTROPHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

γ -rays Probe the Extreme, Non-Thermal, Universe

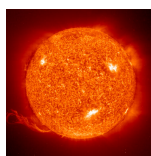
Dark Nebula



Dim, young star



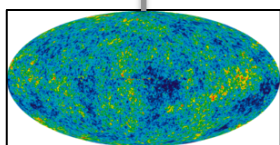
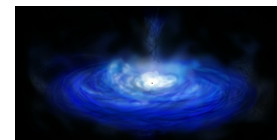
Our Sun



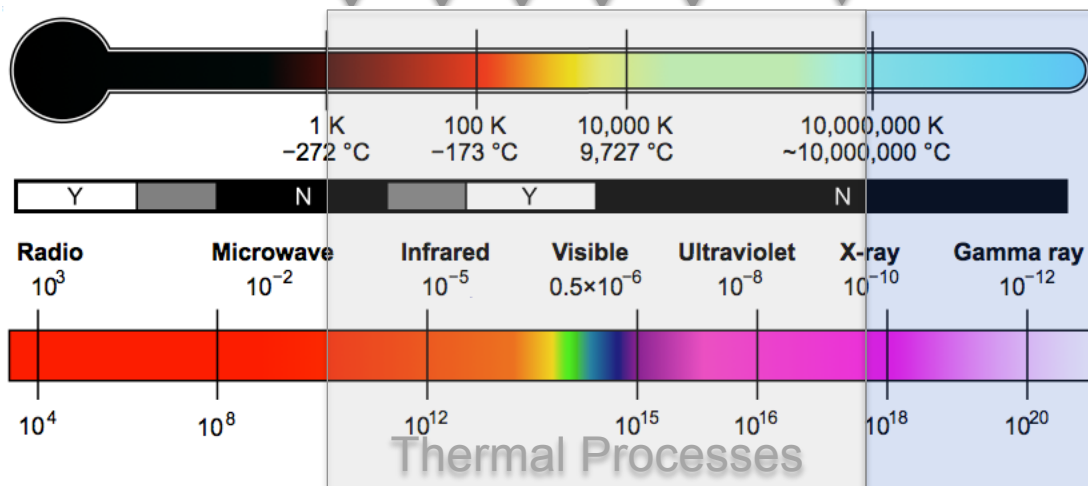
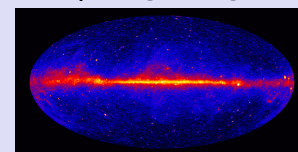
Globular Cluster



Accretion Disk



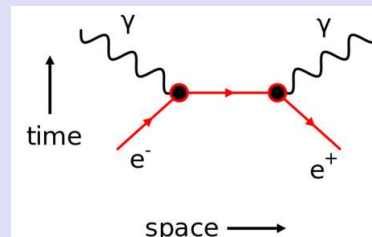
CMB


 γ -ray sky


Energy & particle source



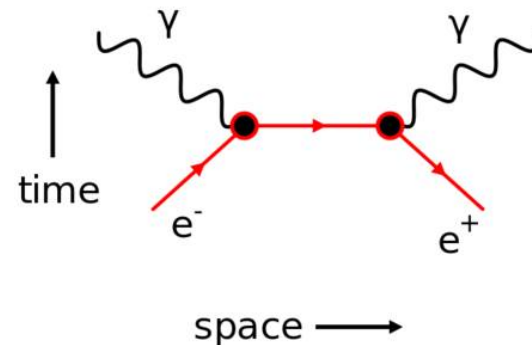
Acceleration mechanism


 γ -ray production mechanism

Foreground Effects



Non-thermal γ ray Emission



Energy source

**Acceleration
mechanism**

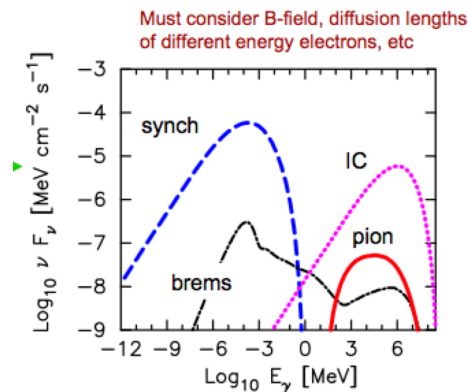
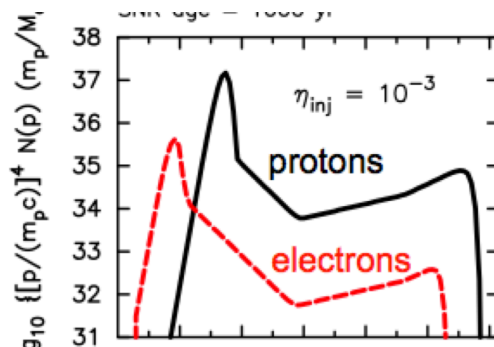
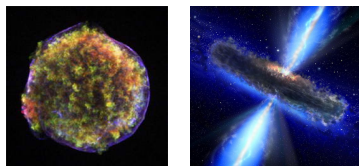
**γ -ray production
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Foreground absorption

γ rays

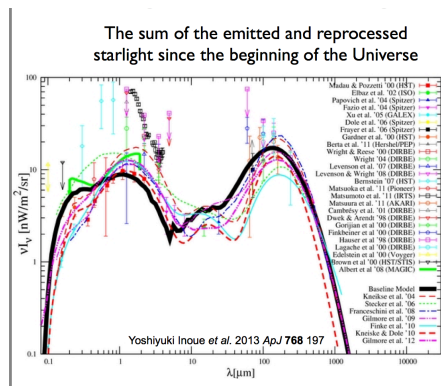
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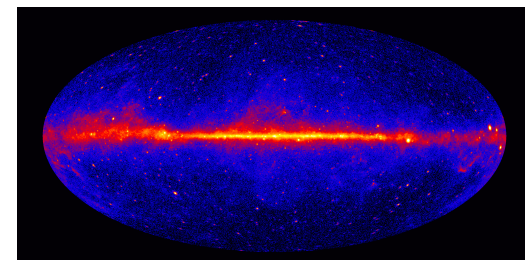
Energy source

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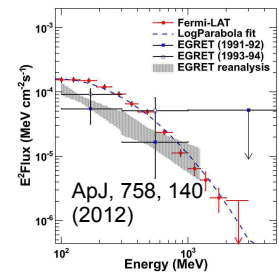


γ rays

Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope Science

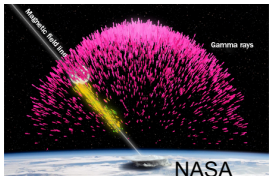
One person's background is another person's source!

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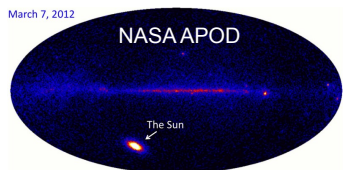
Lunar Gamma rays

- CR hitting surface
- Correlated w/ solar activity



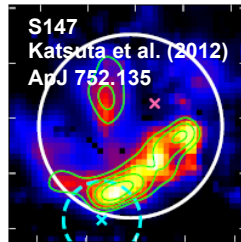
Terrestrial Gamma-ray Flashes

- Associated w/ thunderstorms
- Observed by GBM & LAT



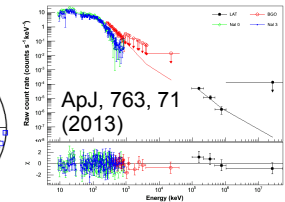
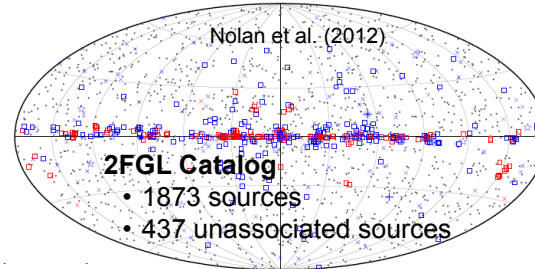
Solar Flares

- Observed by GBM & LAT
- X-class Flare on March 7th, 2012



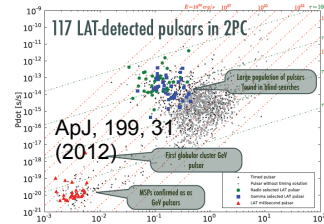
Supernova Remnants

- 25 published SNR + 30 cand in 2FGL
- Multiwavelength objects
- Require good diffuse emission modeling



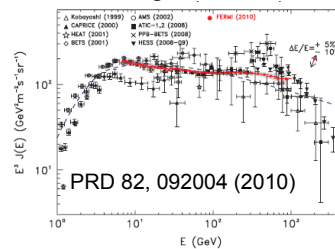
Gamma-ray Bursts

- 35 LAT, 1000+ GBM
- GBM + LAT spectra



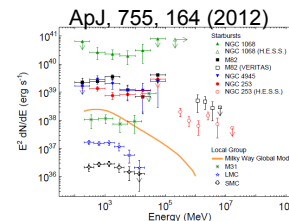
Pulsars (e.g. Vela)

- 117 Fermi-LAT det. pulsars
- Multiwavelength objects
- PSR J2021+4026 shows variability



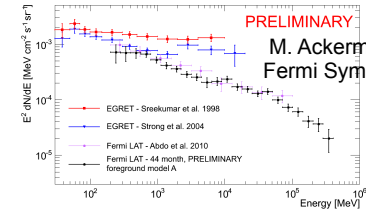
e+e- Energy Spectrum

- LAT can measure e's too
- board high-energy excess



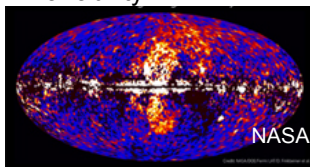
Star-Forming Galaxies

- LAT has seen 7
- Potential LAT-CTA synergy



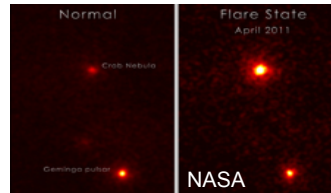
Extragalactic bkg

- Spectrum from 0.2-410 GeV
- Ainsotropy → population info



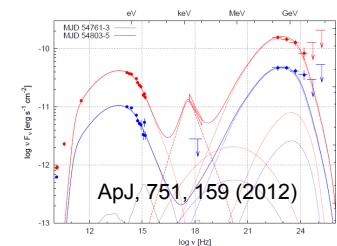
Fermi Bubbles

- Unexpected high-energy excess lobes



Pulsar Wind Nebula (e.g. Crab)

- 15 candidates found by LAT
- Multiwavelength objects



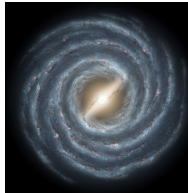
Blazars

- Largest population of LAT known sources
- PKS 1424+240 is harder than expected
- Multiwavelength objects

Solar System



Galactic

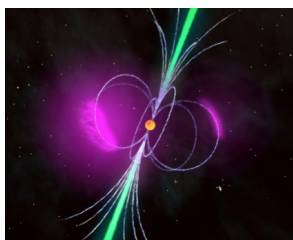


Extragalactic

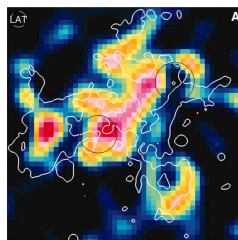


Particle Acceleration

Fermi data have forced fundamental changes in our understanding of almost every source of high energy γ rays, and of particle acceleration processes that drive them



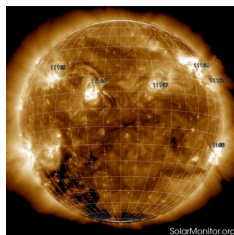
Pulsar γ -ray emission **does not** come from polar caps



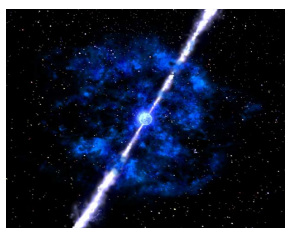
Cosmic rays **are** trapped in cocoons and bubbles



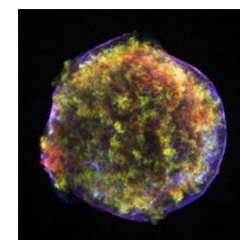
AGN γ -ray emission **is not** confined to region near the central black hole



Solar Flares
high-energy γ rays **are associated** with mass ejections



GRBs **are not** adequately described by “Band” model



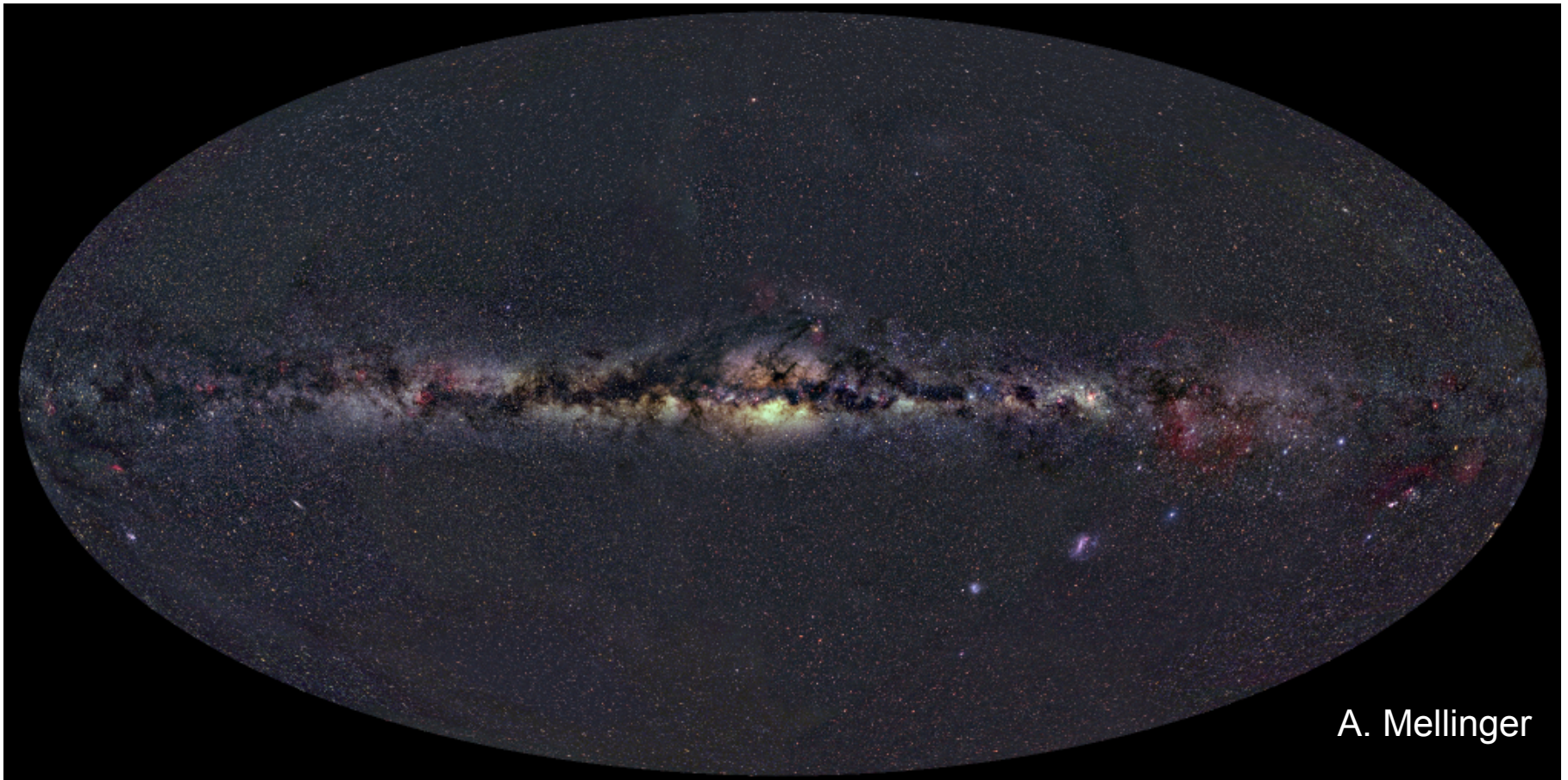
Supernova remnants **are** sites of hadronic acceleration

MODELING GALACTIC DIFFUSE EMISSION

Thanks to Seth Digel for the next slides. With apologies to Seth, I'm using these slides to impress the complexities on you, rather than to convey much information.

Interstellar gas as dark clouds

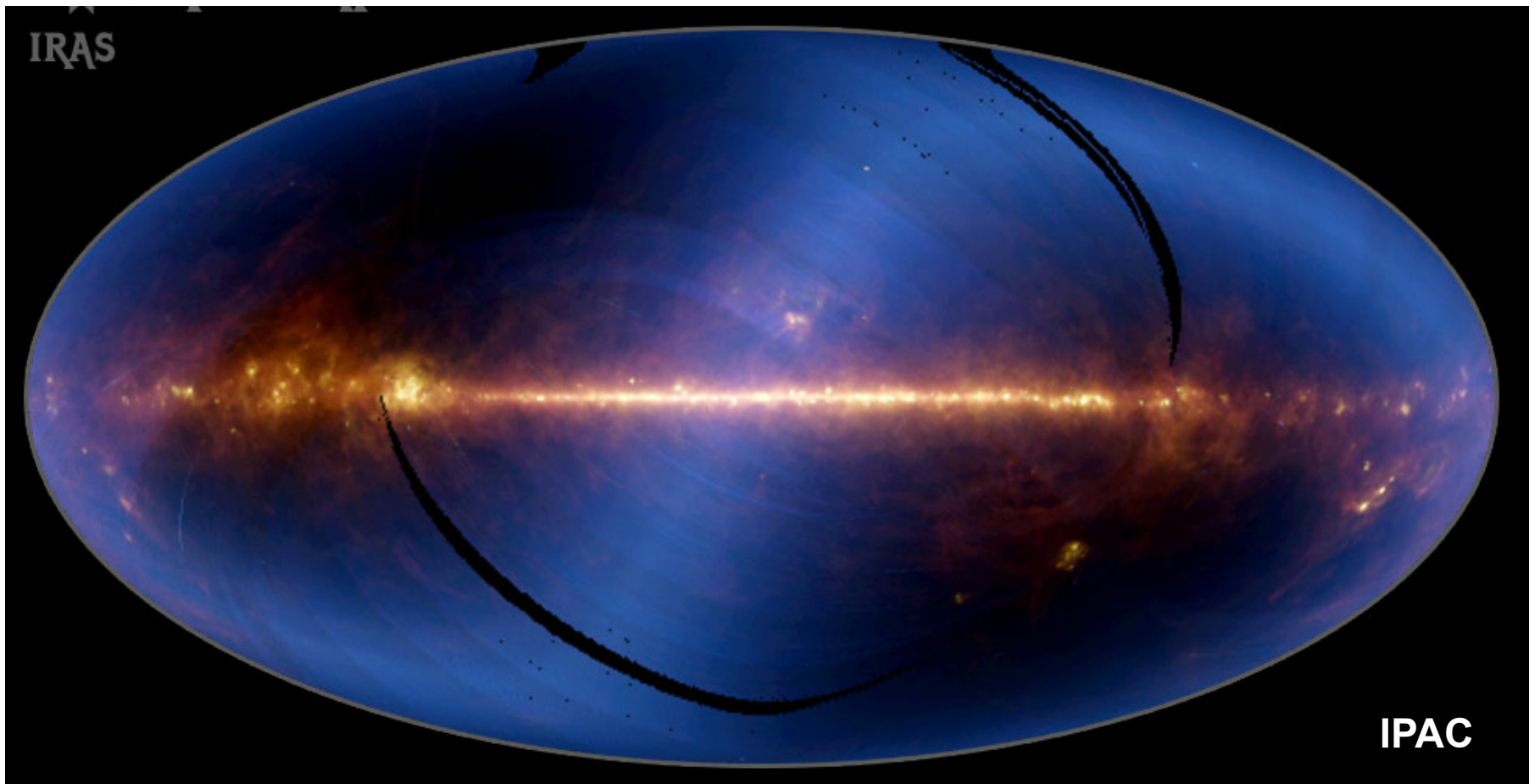
Interstellar clouds are not literally clouds but appear as dark nebulae or 'clouds' against the Milky Way



A. Mellinger

Why are the clouds dark?

What we see (in absorption) is the interstellar *dust*



25-60-100 μm

Neutral interstellar medium

The neutral interstellar medium is gas mixed with dust; associations of gas, especially dense ones, are referred to as clouds – which doesn't meaningfully help for understanding them

The gas very, very cold (few K to 10s of Kelvin) and very, very tenuous (10^3 cm^{-3} is a *high* density)

- $10^3 \text{ H}_2 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$ at 5 K corresponds to a pressure of 10^{-13} torr, much lower than can be achieved in the laboratory

They are quite unlike atmospheric clouds in other ways

- To the extent that they are stable, they are (sort of) self gravitating, with important magnetic support
- They are huge and massive – largest $\sim 100 \text{ pc}$ and $\sim 10^6 \text{ Msun}$.

Overall, most of the mass of the interstellar medium is atomic hydrogen*

- The densest component of the neutral medium is primarily H_2
- This is where stars (OB assoc., SNR, pulsars, XRB, ...) form

* He makes up 21% by mass of the ISM and is assumed to be in proportion to the H

Studying the neutral ISM

H (or H I) is abundant, has 21-cm hyperfine transition

- Detected in 1951 (Ewen & Purcell)

H₂ has no dipole moment, and so no rotational spectrum. The lowest vibrational bands are a few 1000 K above ground. It can be detected directly when shock heated or in absorption in the UV, but is not directly detectable under ordinary interstellar conditions

- CO is the 2nd most abundant molecule, down by a factor of $\sim 10^5$ from H₂
- CO has a permanent dipole moment (0.1 Debye or so) and the lowest excited rotational level ($J = 1$) is only a ~ 5 K (115.271 GHz) above ground
- Detected in 1970 (Wilson, Penzias & Jefferts)

CO as a tracer of molecular clouds



Dame/Mellinger

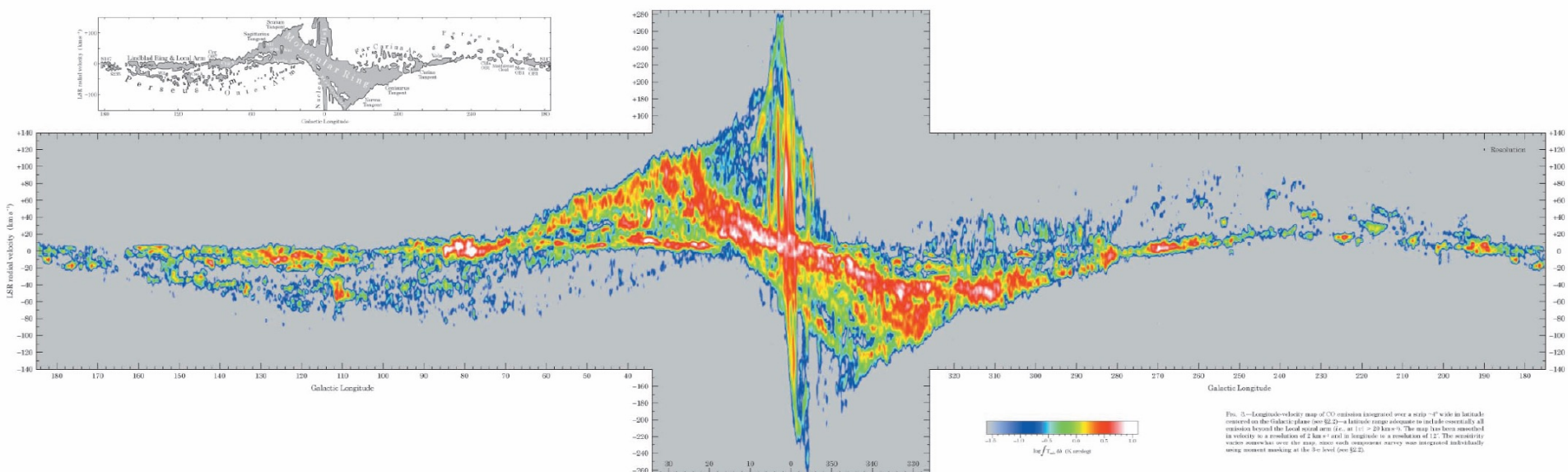
For various reasons, CO ought to be at least an ok tracer of molecular hydrogen

- Conditions for their formation and destruction are similar, and as mentioned collisional excitation is well matched to conditions of molecular clouds

However, CO is abundant enough that it is certainly optically thick (=*bad news for a mass tracer*; in principle you measure its temperature rather than its column density)

Distribution of CO in velocity

Dame, Hartmann, & Thaddeus (2001) composite survey



Notice that you can infer the sense of Galactic rotation, you can see (some spiral arms), as well as the molecular ring (and the molecular hole), and clear evidence of **non-circular motions**

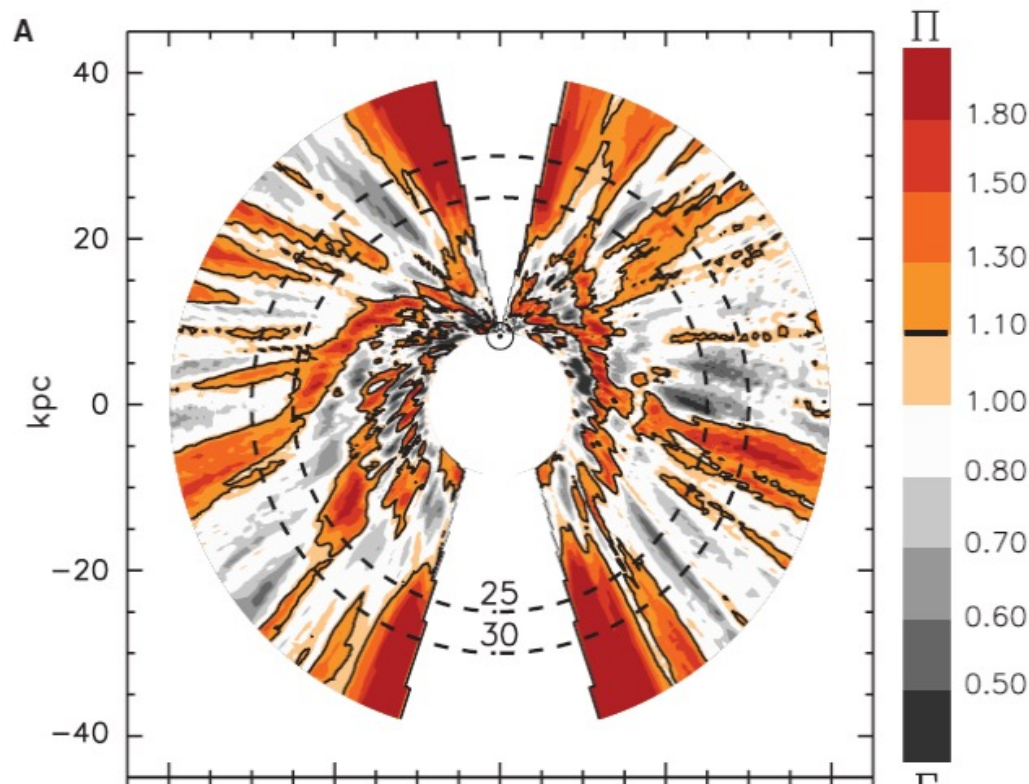
Putting together the pieces

A velocity-to-distance algorithm together with a large-area H I or CO survey leads to an almost-irresistible urge to derive the distribution of gas across the Milky Way

Automatic procedures don't work very well

For example, systematic noncircular motions, especially in regions with poor kinematic distance resolution were early (late 1950s) recognized to produce 'fingers of God' pointing at us (Bok)

– *They still do*



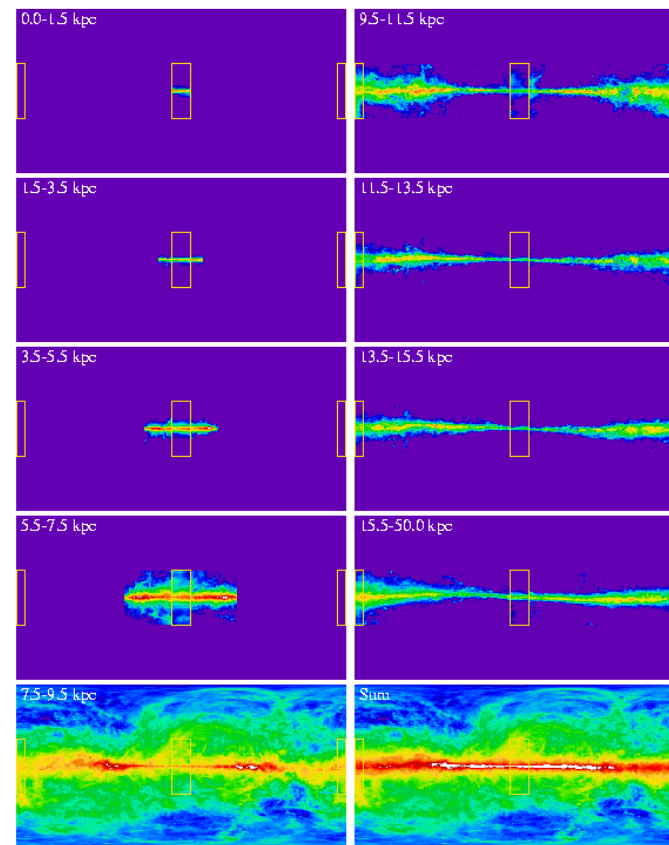
Levine, Blitz, & Heiles (2006)

For gamma-ray astronomy

Since the COS-B era, ‘rings’ of H I and CO gas (column density) have been used to study and model the Galactic diffuse emission. This eliminates the kinematic distance ambiguity in the inner Galaxy

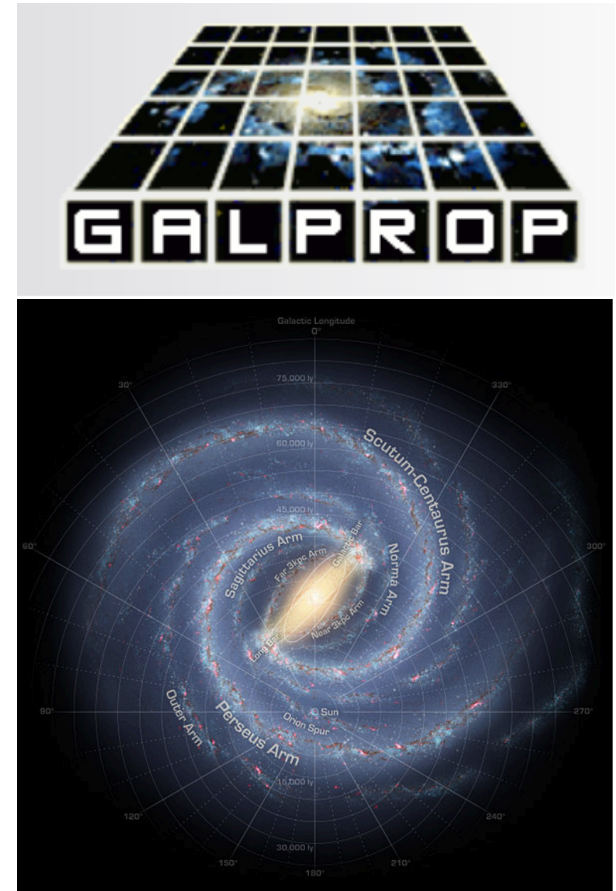
The down sides:

- It builds in axisymmetry to underlying models for distributions of cosmic rays
- And *does not* map directly to the 3-dimensional distribution of gas density.
- And the Galactic center and anticenter longitude ranges need to be filled in



[1] Ackermann et al. [2012ApJ...750...3A](#). [2] Ackermann et al. [2011ApJ...726...81A](#). [3] Abdo et al. [2010PhRvL.104i1101A](#) [5] Casandjian [2012AIPC.1505...37C](#). [6-8] Ackermann et al. [2011Sci...334.1103A](#), [2012A&A...538A..71A](#), [2012ApJ...756...4A](#)

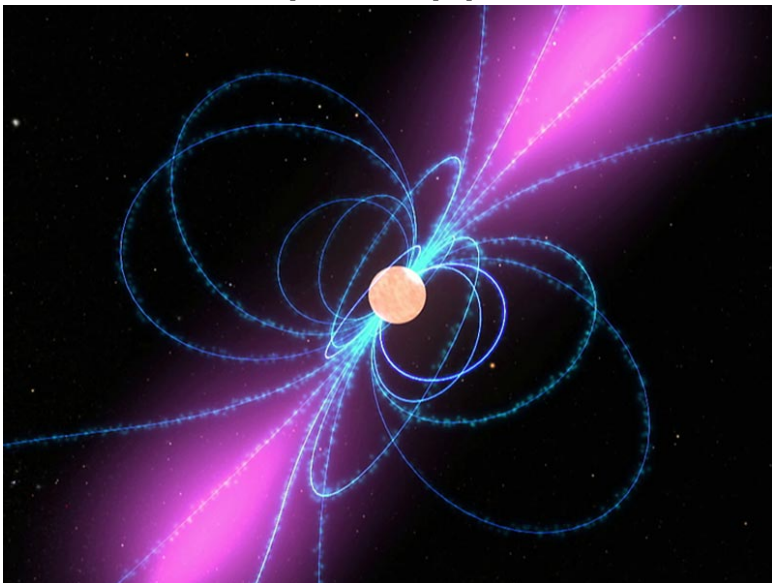
- Cosmic-ray propagation code that has been in development since the 90s
- Read all about it at <http://galprop.stanford.edu>
 - You can run it on servers at Stanford through webrun or download the code to run on your own machine
- Development still going strong
 - Latest release is version 54



PULSARS

GAMMA-RAY PULSARS

Animation of polar cap pulsar emission



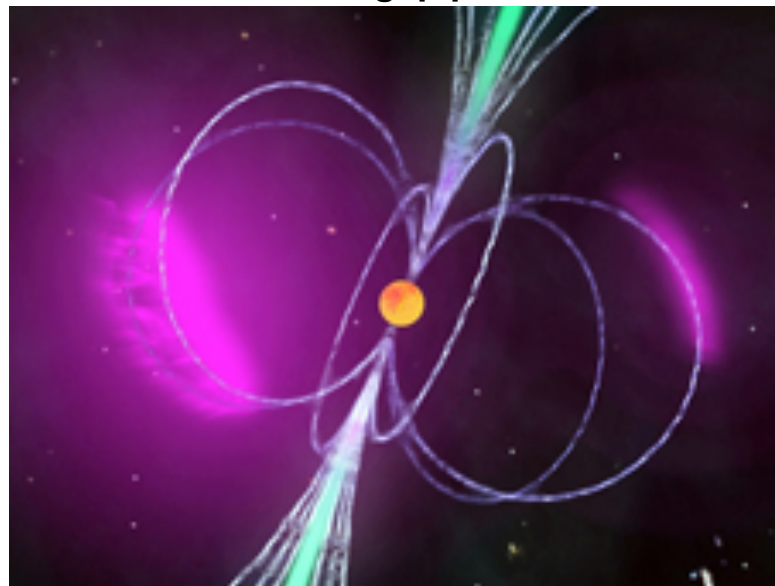
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- Rotation periods range from ms to seconds
- Emit strongly in radio and γ -ray bands

GAMMA-RAY PULSARS

Animation of polar cap pulsar emission



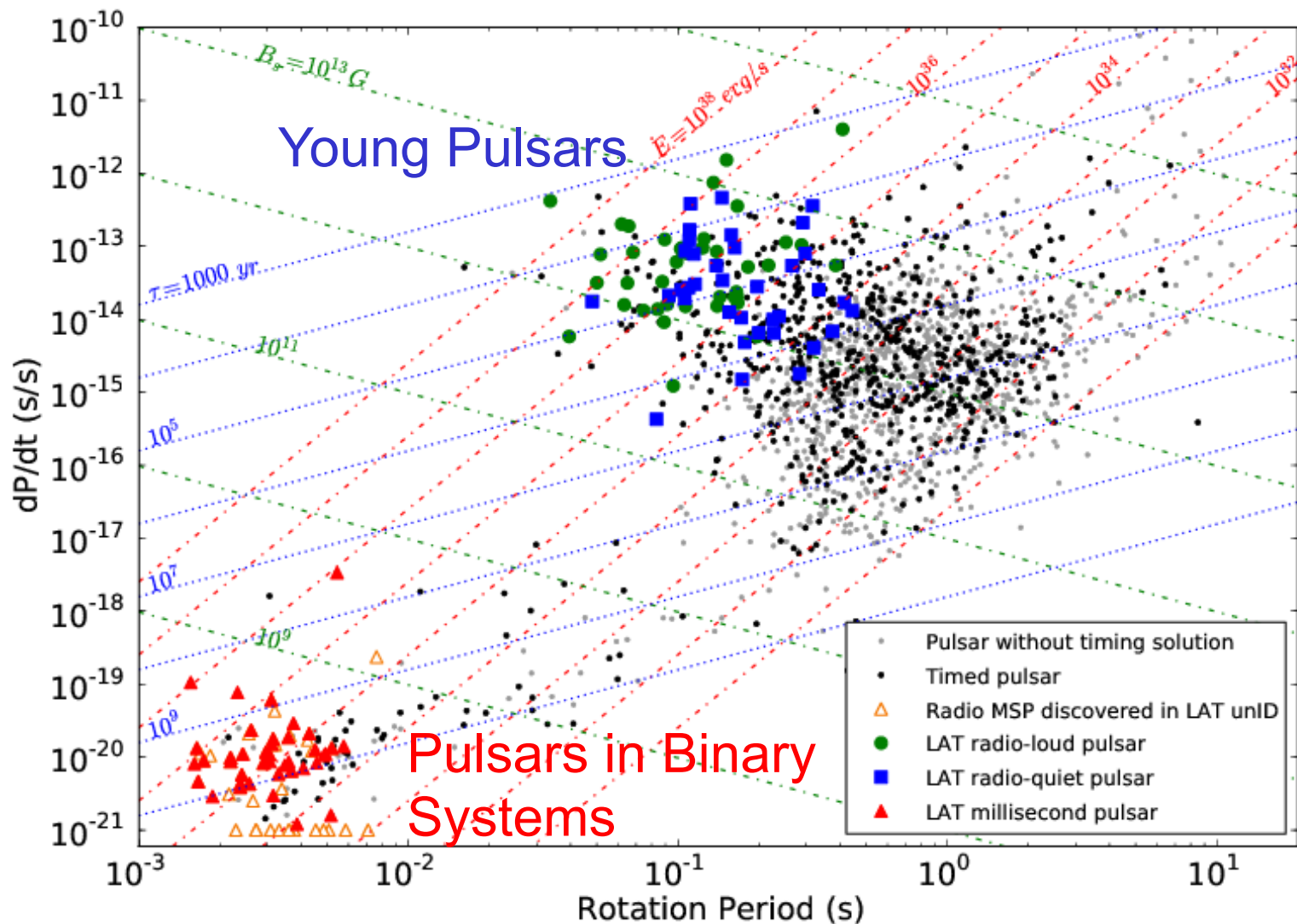
Animation of outer gap pulsar emission



- Rotating neutron stars
- Rotation periods range from ms to seconds
- Emit strongly in radio and γ -ray bands
- LAT data show that radio and γ -ray emission coming from different regions of magnetosphere (i.e., depending on viewing angle radio & γ -ray pulse may or may not overlap)

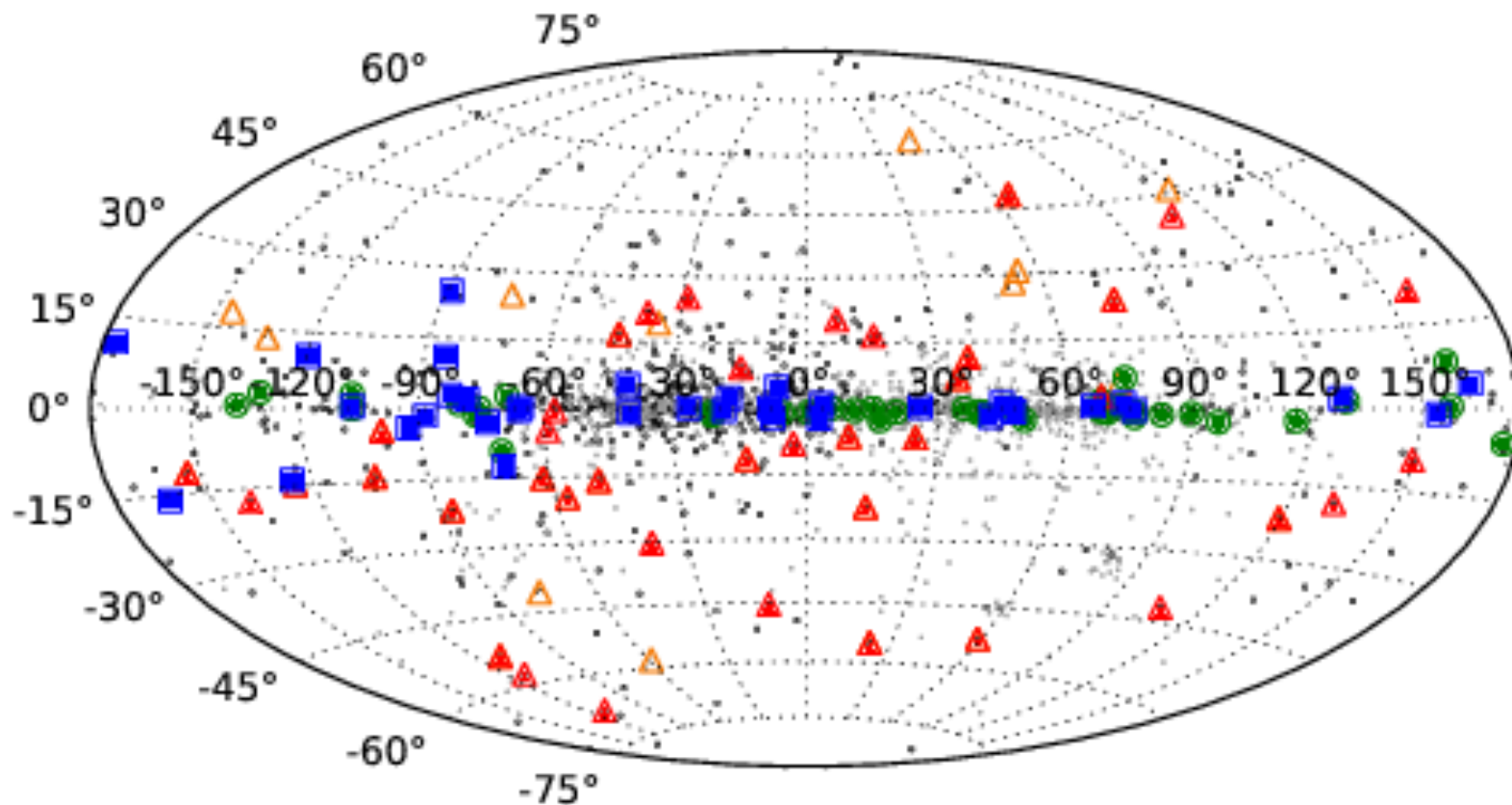
Two Pulsar populations

Rotation Period v. Rate of Change of Period for All Known Pulsars (LAT-detected pulsars highlighted)



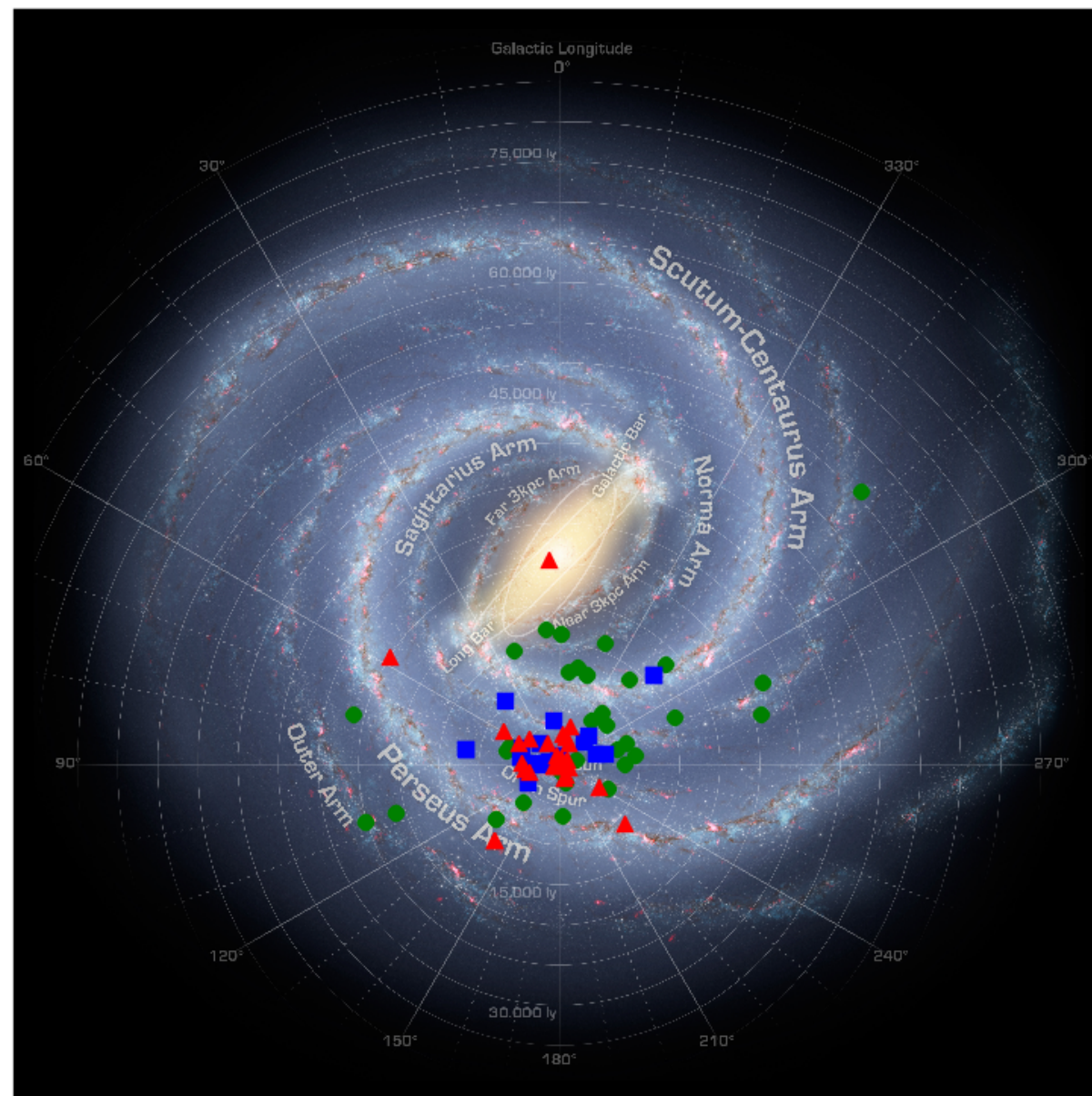
Two Pulsar populations

Position in Galactic Coordinates of All Known Pulsars (LAT-detected pulsars highlighted)



- Young pulsars are found closer to Galactic plane
- Millisecond pulsar are more isotropically distributed

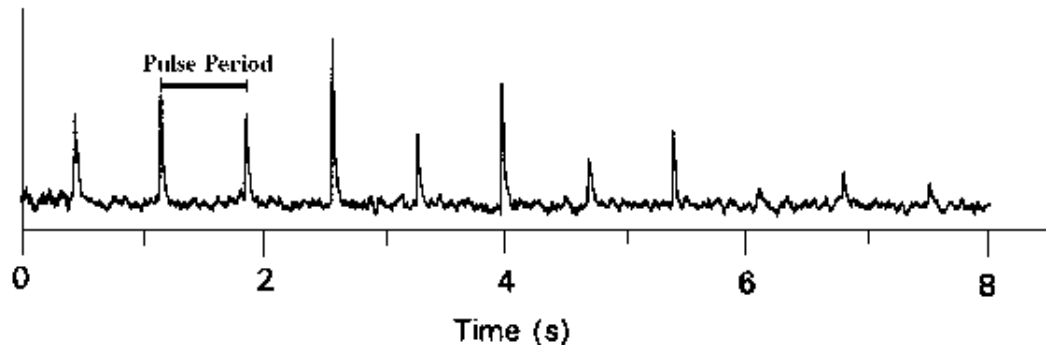
Observational Horizon for Pulsars



- Most γ -ray detected pulsars are within 2 kpc
 - Even less for ms pulsars
 - GC at 8.5 kpc

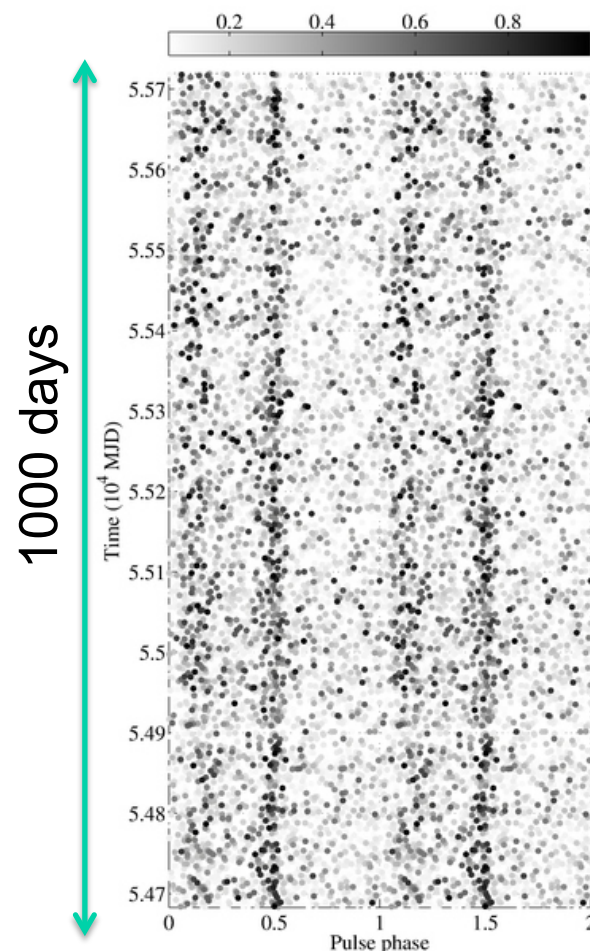
Detecting Pulsars

Radio Detection in Intensity Time Series



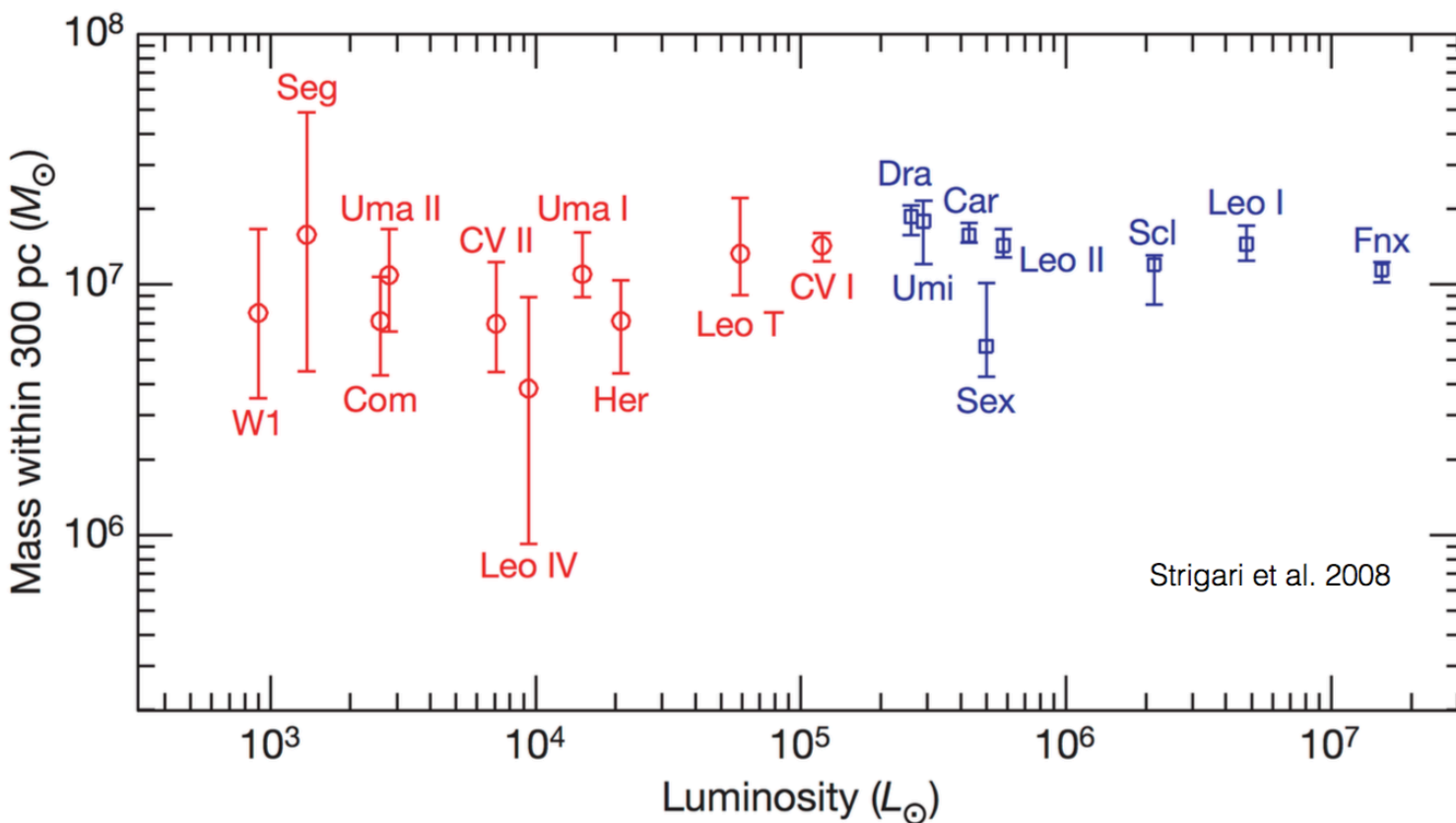
- Pulsars are detected primarily in radio and γ -ray searches
- Radio searches: point radio array at pulsar, look for pulses
 - Weak towards galactic center where free electrons disperse pulse profile
- γ -ray searches:
 - Weak for binary searches where orbital motion modulates timing solution

γ -ray Detection: 1000 days of weighted photons phase-folded against timing solution



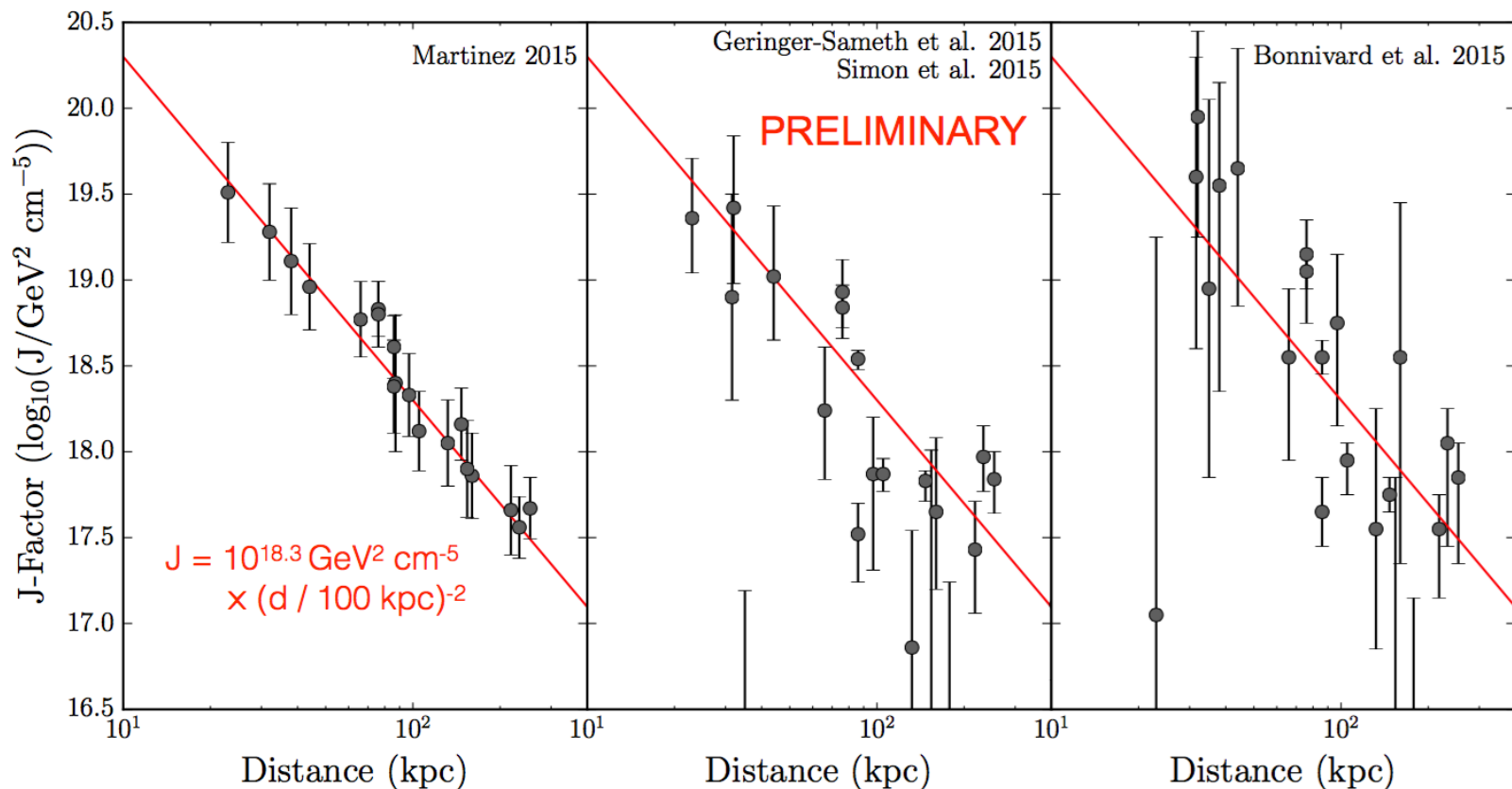
J-FACTORS OF DWARF GALAXIES

Dwarf Galaxy Central Density



- Dwarf Galaxies seem to have comparable central densities over a broad range of luminosity

Current Published Limits from Dwarf Galaxies

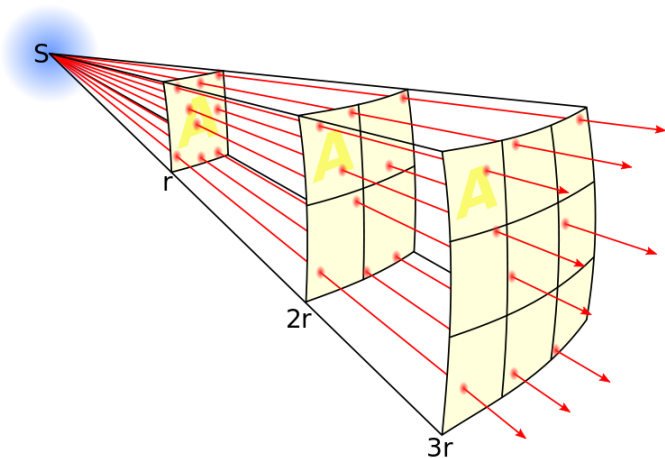


- If most Milky Way dSphs are hosted by DM halos with similar central densities, predicted DM annihilation flux is mainly determined by heliocentric distance

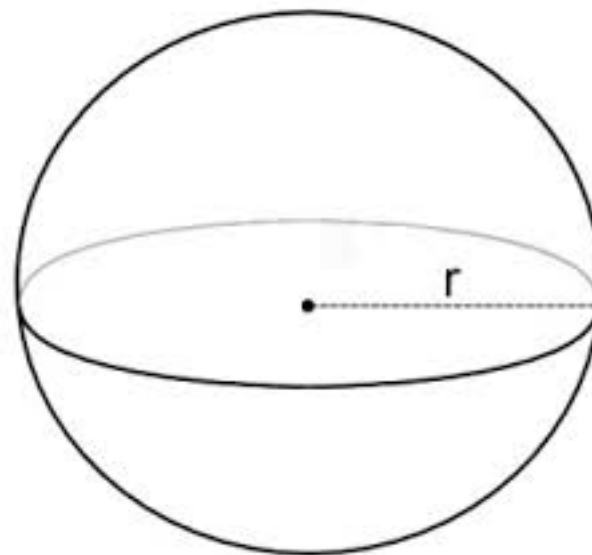
UNRESOLVED SOURCES, LUMINOSITY FUNCTIONS, LOG N – LOG S

Number of Resolved Source as a Function of Instrument Sensitivity (S)

Flux falls as $1 / d^2$

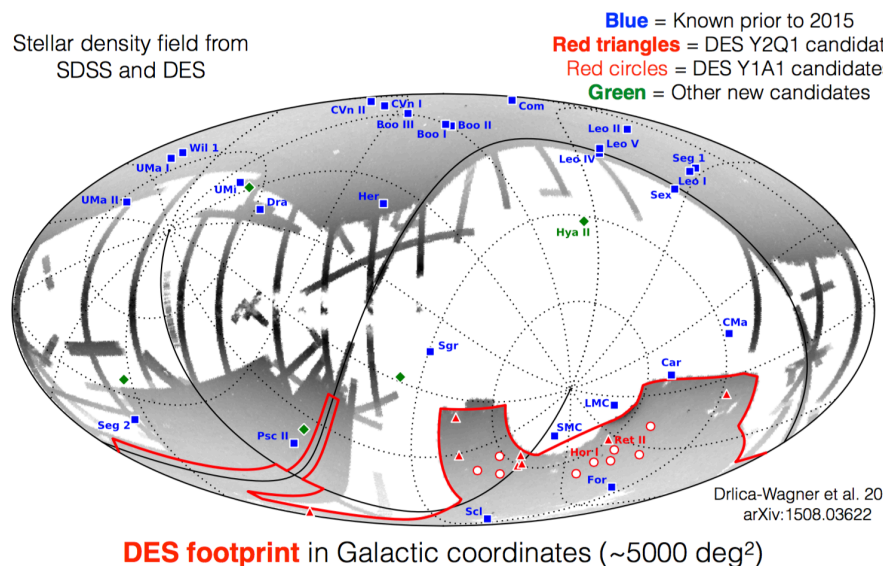


Volume grows as r^3



- For population of objects with the same intrinsic brightness uniformly distributed in space:
 - N (Flux $> S$) scales as $S^{-1.5}$
 - The total unresolved flux scales as S
 - *Aside:* this leads to Olber's Paradox, a classical proof that the universe is not infinite and static

Discovery Volume for Dwarf Galaxies



- Much of the sky is unsurveyed, and surveys depth is quickly increasing
- Following Dwarf J-factor scaling with distance we could expect a 5σ signal for 100 GeV DM \rightarrow b-quarks for any dwarf within 8 kpc (a volume of 2100 kpc³)
- Doubling the data increases that to $V > 3600$ kpc³; i.e., increases the discovery volume by a factor of **> 1.75**
- At higher masses, where the sensitivity is signal-limited, doubling the data increases the discovery volume by **$2^{1.5} = 2.83$**